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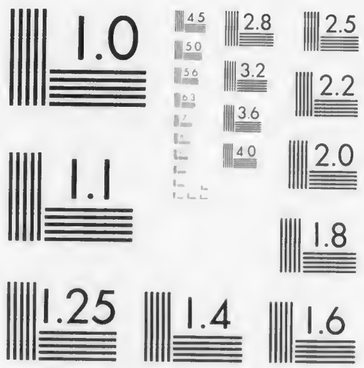


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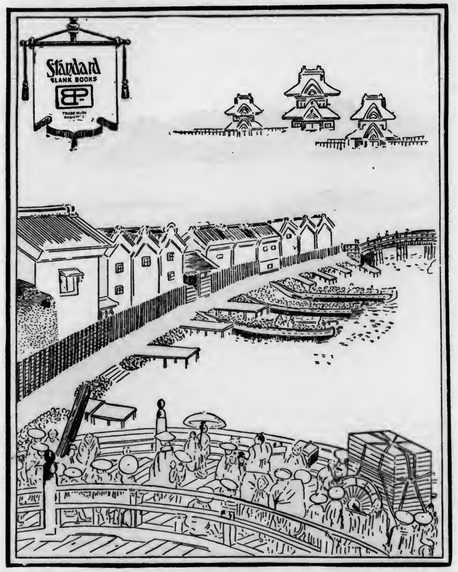


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April 6, 1915

Mr. Homer E. Sargent,
Lakota Hotel,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Sargent:

This morning I received at the National Museum two skulls of Grizzly Bears shipped at your instance from White Horse on March 9 by Eugene Jacquot. With them was a note from Jacquot stating that he expects to send three others "at the first opporuntity", by which I assume he means after the bears are killed. These two skulls have gone to the cleaner and will be back in a few days and I shall examine them with great interest. The important point is: Where were these bears killed? Have you any information on the subject?

The material you have sent us from Alaska and Yukon has been of more assistance than I can tell you, in solving the bear problems of that little-known region, for which you have my appreciative thanks.



I was greatly disappointed last year in not being able to get started for California in time to meet you out there. This year we expect to return to California about the first of May, after which our address until fall will be Lagunitas, Marin County. Do you and Mrs. Sargent expect to visit the coast this year? If so we shall hope to see you.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you both.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 6, 1915

Mr. Eugene Jacquot,
White Horse,
Yukon Territory.

Dear Sir:

The two skulls of Grizzly Bears which you were kind enough to send to the National Museum at the request of Mr. Homer E. Sargent, have just reached me, for which I am very much obliged. Can you tell me where they were killed and about what date?

I am gratified to know that you will send us three more skulls of Grizzlies at the first opportunity. Please send all you can get, of all sizes and ages, and I will pay a good price for them. But please do not cut off the back part of the skull. Both of these specimens have been injured by cutting the head off too short.

When you send the others please wrap them a little more securely. It is a good plan to wrap each skull in paper and then sew the skull up in gunny sacking, wrapping it around several times to prevent breakage of the





bones. Please attach a tag to each skull stating the locality where killed and approximate date, and ship by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Kindly write your name on the upper left hand corner of the package and also on the tags. A few tags are sent you in this mail.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 6, 1915

Dr. Joseph Grinnell,
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Grinnell:

Your letter about the cracking of teeth in skulls of big mammals has this moment arrived.

This cracking marks the beginning of progressive destruction of the teeth, which is more terrible in the Bears than in any other group known to me, although of course big teeth are prone to crack under the atmospheric conditions to which they are subjected in museums, particularly here in the east where the rooms in which they are stored are kept much of the time at too high a temperature. The problem of preserving teeth has not been solved. A few experiments however have shown that the teeth of skulls immersed for twenty-four hours in melted paraffin deteriorate much more slowly, and some of them not perceptibly, after an interval of two or three years.

But I regret to say that owing to the expense





and trouble involved, authorities here have not yet provided the necessary apparatus, and as a result the teeth are going to pieces under our very eyes.

A few years ago Gerrit Miller rigged up some sort of a vessel filled with paraffin and heated by gas, if I remember correctly, in which skulls were allowed to remain for twenty-four hours or longer. Skulls so treated take up a large amount of paraffin and are darkened in color and, I should say at a guess, doubled in weight, but the teeth are preserved at least for a long period.

Anything that will keep off the air will tend to preserve the teeth and I believe, though I have not tried it, that the teeth might be in a measure protected by coating them several times with a saturated solution of paraffin in gasoline or turpentine. There may be other substances better than paraffin; possibly spar varnish would do. There is boundless room for experiment - the need is urgent.

Since writing you last I have received a fine lot of duplicates of your various papers from the University.

There are a few however which you have published elsewhere of which I should greatly appreciate additional separates. For instance, you published a New Pocket Gopher in the Proceedings of the California Academy' and have published certain other notes in the Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington. If you have separates of these I should greatly appreciate a couple of copies of each.

Regretting that we have accomplished so little here in the way of preserving the teeth of large mammal skulls, and hoping that you or some of your resourceful assistants will succeed better,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 6, 1915

Mr. D. C. Bryant,
2132 Westlake Ave.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 18 came duly, but as yet the bear skulls have not been received. If you have not already sent them I hope you will be able to ship them at once so that I may have a chance to study them before leaving for California the first of May. As directions for shipment were contained in my previous letter, I will not repeat them here.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 6, 1915

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Your letter of March 24 came last week and we were all very glad to hear from you. Mr. Gilbert writes us that the work you have done on the back part of the place has changed its appearance entirely, and that it looks fine now. It is good to know that the brush has been burned so that we will not have to worry about that during the summer.

I am glad that you and your family find matter of interest in the Geographic Magazine.

We are expecting to close our house here the first of May and hope to reach Lagunitas on or about the 5th. We shall be mighty glad to get there and to see you all again.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli,
Lagunitas,
Calif.

April 8, 1915

Mr. Remington Kellogg,
University of Kansas Museum,
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Kellogg:

At length I am returning to the University Museum the two remaining skulls you were kind enough to loan me several months ago, namely, the big old Grizzly from Trappers Lake, Colorado, and the very old Black Bear without jaw from Las Vegas, New Mexico. They were sent by express prepaid, and I trust will reach you in good condition. It has been a great satisfaction to have them here for comparison with our material, and I hope you will return my appreciative thanks to the Museum authorities.

Some time ago you asked me if I knew of any records of Black Bear in Comanche County, Kansas. Not being able to find any such record in my notes, I have spent some time in searching the literature, but thus far without success. I will keep the matter in mind





however, and if I find anything later will let you know at once. Hunting Bear records is slow work, but is sometimes rewarded most unexpectedly.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. Mark Skinner

April 8, 1915

Dear Arch:

Your last Bulletin, dated April 3, arrived this noon. Its perusal causes two sorrows: first, that we shall not see you, and second, that you and your wife took so much trouble to polish up the house. We appreciate what you have done and the feelings that prompted it, but it was not necessary and we fear that Mrs. Gilbert has overtaxed her strength in the matter.

On the other hand, we are mighty glad that you have located another good job, and hope it will lead to something still better.

Our suspicions that you and your wife had become reconciled to California are confirmed in the most satisfactory manner by your comments on the State in general, and Marin County in particular. The sooner you are able to locate there, the better it will be for all of us. If the California construction concerns only knew of your superior excellence in various engineering





lines you would not be allowed to escape the State.

Mrs. M. and I are greatly obliged to you both for holding down the place and for keeping things in such good order.

Our love to Mrs. Gilbert when you write.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert,
c-o D. L. & W. Co.,
Milford, Utah.

P. S. Glad the doctors have taken Susie to the hospital for a little while before we arrive, as we are likely to need her services pretty continuously after about the 5th of May.

April 10, 1915

Mr. R. Bruce,
437 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. is at hand, together with your manuscript on the flora and fauna of the mountains. This I have just read, and in accordance with your request am making a few suggestions.

In your glorification of the Appalachian Valley you will hardly escape criticism if you imply that in fertility this region exceeds that of the valleys and lower slopes of the Rocky Mountains and Sierra Nevada. In Colorado certain districts are famous for their fertility, as the valley at Canyon City on the east side of the Rockies, and the valley of Grand River on the west. And California is famed the world over for the extraordinary fertility of her mountain valleys. In most parts of the West, fertile soils are the rule,





the difficulty is to put water on them. Where water is to be had they are rapidly being converted into the garden spots of the world.

On page 12 I have made a few pencil changes which I think will explain themselves. I have struck out the word "Boreal" for the Narrows and Wells Mountain, but have left it where it belongs in the Frostburg region. Your use of the words "intermediate" and "transition" differs radically from the use of these terms in zoology and botany. With us an "intermediate or transition species" means an animal or plant which in its distinctive characters is intermediate between two other species. You use the term in a zoo-geographical sense as relating to the species inhabiting the transition zone, which is quite a different thing. I have therefore taken the liberty on this and the following page, to make a slight change in order to bring out the usual meaning.

You ask about the Mountain Laurel on the ridges east of Uniontown. I have never been in this particular locality, but have assumed that the laurel was the common species, Kalmia latifolia, which abounds throughout the

region. It seems hardly likely that anyone would apply the name "Mountain Laurel" to the rhododendron which also occurs on the ridges, and is well known to the inhabitants.

During the fall and winter when the leaves of the deciduous trees have fallen, the rhododendrons and hemlocks, on account of their evergreen nature, stand out as the only green things on the mountain slopes bordering Cassellman River and Wills Creek, and on many of the ridges throughout the region.

I am very much obliged to you for having sent me the 'Club Journal' containing your interesting articles on the 'Old National Road'. I hope that this road will be put in such condition that I may have the pleasure of traveling over it on my next trip to California.

The manuscript is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.



April 9, 1915

Mr. J. S. Hunter,
Fish and Game Commission,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Some time ago you were kind enough to send me the Report of the Commission for the Years 1912 to 1914. It contains much matter of interest to me, and if you have copies to spare, I should be grateful if you would kindly send me two or three more.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

April 12, 1915

Mr. Francis Kermode, Director,
Provincial Museum,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Kermode:

At last the two boxes of bear skulls which you were kind enough to send so long ago have arrived. They were addressed to the National Museum instead of the Biolgoical Survey. But we were not able to find seventeen skulls, sixteen being the number in the two boxes. Number 7 is the missing one. All the others from 1 to 17 are here.

You cannot begin to realize the joy I feel at seeing the old skulls again, and the additional ones you put with them. All of the adult skulls now fall naturally into their appropriate species without requiring any special study. At the time when I had them before, I had not seen enough British Columbia material to enable me to work out the characters of the several species.

There are three skulls from Atlin, nos. 12, 13 and 14. No. 12 is a young grizzly; nos. 13 and 14 are



black bears.

The two new skulls from Lillooet, nos. 15 and 16, are splendid males of one of my new species, and I am particularly glad to see them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 12, 1915

Mr. Frank S. Daggett, Director,
Museum of History, Science and Art,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Daggett:

Your letter of the 2nd inst. and the young bear skull from the Homo Pit have arrived, for which I am obliged.

This skull is of unusual interest. It is that of a young black bear of the luteolus-eremicus group, a group characterized by the very large size of the last upper molar, which naturally led you to infer that it was a grizzly. This tooth is indeed actually larger than in some of the grizzlies.

The geographic range of the living members of this group extend from Alabama and Mississippi to eastern Arizona, but Pleistocene representatives of the group have been found both farther north and farther west. I think I saw one among the skulls John C. Merriam has at Berkeley.

Your skull differs from those of the living representatives of the group in three characters of im-





portance and several of less consequence. The last premolars, both above and below, but especially the lower ones, suggest the corresponding teeth in the grizzlies and might almost be said to present an intermediate condition between Ursus and Euarctos. The canines are very large at the base, and the middle upper molars are narrower than in the living species.

This skull is in wonderfully perfect condition and is mighty interesting from various points of view. I am very much obliged to you for your kindness in letting me see it here where I have ample material for comparison. I will return it as soon as I can have it photographed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 12, 1915

Mr. Witmer Stone,
Academy of Natural Sciences,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Mr. Stone:

Your remarks in the last 'Auk' on Sumner's review of Joseph Grinnell's 'Mammals and Birds of the Colorado Valley,' please me so much that I can not help sending you a line to thank you for writing them. Sumner's point of view was so extremely funny that I was tempted to reply to it myself, and would have done so except for the sad fact that I am completely overwhelmed in work urgently in need of attention.

That curious bear skull which you were good enough to send me some time ago, I will return shortly - as soon as I am able to secure satisfactory photographs of it. I had it photographed about twenty years ago but the negatives are not like those we are taking today.

Mrs. Merriam and I are delighted to know that you and Mrs. Stone are coming to California. We shall hope to show you our home country at Lagunitas.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



April 12, 1915

Mr. James Simpson,
Banff,
Alberta.

Deaf Sir:

The young grizzly skull you sent a short time ago came duly, and I was very glad to get it. Instead of sending the amount due you for it, I have been waiting hoping to receive the other skulls in order to make one payment for the batch.

As I expect to go to California on the 1st of May, I should be greatly obliged if you could send these skulls at once, so that I may have an opportunity to examine them and send pay for same before I leave.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Original Defective

April 12, 1915

State Treasurer,
Sacramento,
Calif.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I enclose check for $15 on Crocker National Bank of San Francisco in payment of license for the current year on my Chevrolet Six automobile, description of which you will find on accompanying blank.

Kindly send seal and license plates to me at Lagunitas, where I expect to arrive shortly.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

Original Defective

April 14, 1915

Miss Susan J. Allen,
Moorestown,
New Jersey.

My dear Miss Allen:

Thanks for your interesting letter about the good intentions of Mrs. Longnecker in behalf of some of our poor Indians. Her idea to establish an industrial home to care for the sick, and give instruction in sanitary living under crude conditions, is most admirable. As you of course know, there is no end of need for just such help. In California there are many remnants of different Indian tribes who would be greatly benefitted were they within reach of such kindly assistance. This is true of Indians living in the northern, central, and southern parts of the State. But I do not think of any way by which such an undertaking could be made self-supporting.

Should Mrs. Longnecker care to look over the field in California, I would be only too glad to help her in every way within my power, so far as the time at my disposal permits. I could show her on maps the loca-





tions of a great many Indians, and might possibly be able to visit some of them with her. And it might be worth while for her to talk over the matter with C. E. Kelsey of San Jose, who for some years has been secretary of the Northern California Indian Association.

I expect to leave here for California with my family on the first of May, and to be located at our summer home at Lagunitas, Marin County, after May 5. This will be my address until fall.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

April 14, 1915

Dear Mr. Fleming:

You are very kind to call my attention to Mrs. Moodie's 'Roughing it in the Bush'. No, I have not seen the book, and should be very glad indeed of an opportunity to read it.

Mrs. Merriam, Zenaida and myself expect to leave here for California on May 1 in order to reach our home at Lagunitas in time to make ready for such members of the A. O. U., yourself among the number, whom we hope will favor us with a little visit before leaving the State. Otherwise we should be only too glad to avail ourselves of the opportunity to go with the A. O. U. party. There is still another difficulty however, namely, that since we expect to stay in California until fall, we are not allowed to go on the special excursions.

I am very glad that you have made the effort to go and will be one of the party.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Mr. J. H. Fleming,
267 Rusholme Road,
Toronto.



April 14, 1915

Mr. Samuel Mixter,
180 Marlborough Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Mixter:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th inst., telling me that your young bear from Barter Island was a male. It is a member of the grizzly series, but I am not yet prepared to assign it specifically. The other big bear you mention as inhabiting the coastal region of Arctic Alaska, is doubtless the one described by me under the name Ursus internationalis. The type specimen came from the Alaska-Yukon boundary, fifty miles south of the coast, and was collected by Frederick Lambart of the Canadian Boundary Survey.

The skull of your specimen is labeled as obtained by you on Barter Island, August 12, 1913, and presented by you to the National Collection. The skin I returned to Frazar yesterday by express.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

April 14, 1915

Mr. M. Abbott Frazar,
89 Sudbury Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. Samuel Mixter of Boston, I have just sent you by express the skin of a small grizgly bear obtained by him at Barter Island on August 12, 1913, and trust the same will reach you safely.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam —



April 14, 1915

Mr. Albert P. Morse,
Curator Natural History,
Peabody Museum,
Salem, Mass.

Dear Mr. Morse:

Yesterday I returned to the Peabody Museum by express prepaid the three skulls you so kindly loaned me some time ago - the California grizzly and the two polar bears. The California grizzly is a specimen of unusual interest.

Thanking you and the Museum authorities for your courtesy in this matter, which I greatly appreciate,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam —

April 15, 1915

Dear Sheldon:

Thanks for the addresses. I have just written John Murgatroyd, thinking that he might have all the skulls in his possession; if not, I will write to the McAleenans.

Too bad you have been roped into jury duty again. This is hard luck but all in a good cause. Possibly you can run down after the 25th.

Thanks for Cowan's address. I will try to connect with him soon after I arrive in California. He has some valuable old maps which I have been trying to get to see for two or three years.

The skulls that have come in from Yukon Territory during the past year emphasize more than ever the need of topotype material of Ursus phaeonyx. And I am wondering if you know any reliable hunter in the middle or upper Yukon region whom I could hire for the spring and summer to hunt bears in this region. I would like to have him put in three or four months in the mountains between the Yukon and Tanana, hoping that he would get bears at several points from near Forty Mile Creek.



C.S.

westerly to near Rampart House. Would Tom Jeffreys be the right man? If so, how could I connect with him? Possibly you know some other man whom you would be willing to recommend for the job.

As ever yours,

C. H. Townsend

Mr. Charles Sheldon,
8 West 9th Street,
New York City.

April 15, 1915

Mr. John Murgatroyd,
57 West 24th St.
New York City.

Dear Sir:

The series of articles, 'The Greatest Bear Hunt Ever', published by Mont G. Jones in 'Outdoor Life' of February, March, and April, contains a good deal of matter of much interest to me. I was particularly glad to see the accounts of the killing of grizzlies by yourself and other members of the party, and am wondering if the skulls were preserved.

I am now completing for publication a synopsis of the Big Bears of North America on which I have been engaged for about twenty-four years. The region in which you hunted is inhabited by three distinct species of grizzly bears and I am anxious to know whether those killed by your party belong to more than one species, and if all were the same, which one.

I am taking the liberty therefore to ask, in case the skulls were preserved, that you will loan them to me for a short time in order that I may compare them with specimens in our National Museum. If so, will you





kindly ship the same by express, marked charges collect, and addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Please attach a tag to each skull stating where and by whom it was killed. If the skulls have been cleaned it is well to place a pad of newspaper between the jaws to prevent breakage of the teeth in transit, as bears' teeth are very brittle. Kindly put your own name on the upper left hand corner of the package, so that the man who opens the package will know from whom it came.

Trusting that you will be able to help me in this matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Dr. C. Hart Merriam regrets that owing to his early departure for California he will not be able to accept the kind invitation of The Board of Managers of the New York Zoological Society to be present at the reception on Monday evening, May 3, 1915.



April 16, 1915

The Game Breeder,
150 Nassau St.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your inquiry of the 13th inst., I regret to say that I do not know of anyone who has acorns for sale. There would be no trouble in getting plenty of them in the fall, either in the East or in California, but at this season I do not know where a supply can be obtained.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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April 16, 1915

Dear Mr. Elliott:

I am glad to learn from your letter of the 11th inst. received to-day, that my check reached you all right and that you have already bought a good team, wagon, and harness. It is a great thing to get an early start and I wish you the most prosperous season.

A package from the Secretary of State at Sacramento, containing my automobile licence plates, is liable to reach Lagunitas at any time, probably by mail. When it comes I shall be obliged if you will kindly hold for me until my arrival.

After receipt of this please do not forward any more mail of any kind as I expect to reach Lagunitas on or about May 5.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Fenimore

Mr. C. B. Elliott,
Lagunitas,
Calif.

April 17, 1915

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your List 33 just received. Your No. 3 in this catalogue is Englehardt's Missions and Missionaries of California "Vol. LLL". If this means Vol. 3 of the series, you may send it to me. I already have volumes 1 and 2.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Hudson Book Co.,
25 West 42nd Street,
New York City.



April 17, 1915

Mr. William R. Green,
Forest Service,
Greendale via Linwood,
Utah.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst. has just reached me. Mr. Anderson's letter of which you spoke never came.

I am glad to know that you have the skull and skin of a young male grizzly killed by you in Utah the first of last July, and shall be pleased to purchase the same at a good price. It is hard to name a definite price without seeing the specimen; assuming however that the skull and skin are both complete, the skin with claws attached, I will pay at least $25, and more if it is worth more.

Please send by express, marked charges collect, and addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Kindly attach a tag to the skull stating when and where it was killed, and your own name. Please ship as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 17, 1915

Postmaster,
Yakutat,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Can you obtain for me any skulls of brown or grizzly bears from the Yakutat or Mt. St. Elias regions? If so I shall be glad to pay good prices for the same, the prices varying according to age, sex, and condition, from $4 each for young skulls up to $10 or $15 for adult females and $20 or even $25 for good old males.

In case you have any on hand or can purchase any, please ship the same by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. A few tags are enclosed herewith. Please wrap each skull carefully to prevent breakage in transit.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

April 19, 1915

Postmaster,
Andreafsky,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Can you obtain for me any skulls of brown bears or grizzlies from the Andreafsky region? If so I shall be glad to pay good prices for the same, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition, from $4 each for young skulls, up to $10 or $15 for adult females and $20 or even $25 for good old males.

In case you have any on hand or can purchase any, please ship the same by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Please wrap each skull carefully to prevent breakage in transit. A few tags are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,



April 19, 1915

Postmaster,
Eagle,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Can you obtain for me any skulls of grizzly bears from the region around Eagle? If so I shall be glad to pay good prices for the same, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition, from $4 each for young skulls, up to $10 or $15 for adult females, and $20 or even $25 for good old males.

In case you have any on hand or can purchase any, please ship the same by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Please wrap each skull carefully to prevent breakage in transit. A few tags are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

On April 19, 1915 requests for bear skulls were sent to the postmasters of the following Alaska post-offices:

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| Andreafsky | brown or grizzly |
| Anvik | " " " |
| Candle | " " " |
| Chitina | grizzly |
| Copper Center | " |
| Eagle | " |
| Fort Yukon | brown or grizzly |
| Hawk Inlet | " " " |
| Ilisamna | " " " |
| Kotzebue | brown |
| Latouche | " or grizzly |
| Nizina | grizzly |
| Rampart | brown or grizzly |
| Seldovia | " " " |
| Snettisham | " " " |
| Susitna | brown or grizzly |
| Taku Harbor | " " " |
| Teller | grizzly or brown |
| Unalakleet | |



April 22, 1915

Arthur H. Clark Co.,
Cleveland,
Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Please send one copy of my book entitled 'Dawn of the World' to Mrs. E. H. Harriman at 1 East 69th street, New York City, and two copies to me at above address, with bill for same.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Harriman

April 23, 1915

My dear Mrs. Kimball:

Just now, unfortunately I am not able to think of an available opportunity for your son in the way of vacation field work. It is five years since I resigned from the Biological Survey, and I am not well informed as to present opportunities. Most of the field work, however, requires years of special training, so that we long ago gave up taking boys into the field until after they had proved their fitness in the way of independent collections and knowledge of natural history.

There is just one line of work however in which it may be possible that an opening exists. I refer to the work on food habits and the destruction of noxious animals carried on under the direction of Dr. A. K. Fisher of the Biological Survey. Dr. Fisher is now in the field but mail addressed to him at the Biological Survey would be forwarded. He employs a number of young men in destroying ground squirrels, prairie dogs, and wolves in various parts of the West, and may possibly be in need of an addi-



tional helper.

Whether or not there are temporary field places in the Forest Service I am unable to say, but you could easily learn by addressing Mr. Henry S. Graves, Chief of Forest Service, Washington, D. C.

Regetting that I cannot be of more direct assistance, and with kindest remembrances,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. James P. Kimball,
420 West 119 St.,
New York City.

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April 23, 1915

Houlton Book Co.,
1000 N. Grand Avenue,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly send me with the bill the following items offered in your List #1 - Indians of California, Nevada and Utah:

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| 3. | Deseret Weekly, Nov. 25, 1893 | .40 |
| 4. | " " Oct. 14, 1893 | .30 |
| 5. | " " Aug. 19 1893 | .35 |
| 8. | Rept. Indian Comm. 1865 | .85 |
| 10. | Message of the President Pt. 1,1855 | 1.00 |

Very truly yours,

April 24, 1915

Dear Carlos:

It was a great joy to receive the grizzly skull which Frank was good enough to pack and send me with such promptness, and also to receive your letter. The skull is of special interest to me just at this time, when I am trying to complete my descriptions of the various species of grizzly bears. A check for the amount will be send you from my fund in the Smithsonian Institution, about the first of the month. I wish to thank both you and Frank for your kindness in the matter.

It is obvious that you have had a rather serious time with your building and I well realize that it has consumed a very large amount of time. On the other hand, as you intimate, the physical work has probably been a good thing for your health.

Elizabeth, Zenaida, and I hope to pull out for California the first week in May. We had intended to start on Saturday, the first of May, but I have just lost four days in connection with the recent meetings of the National Academy of Sciences and some other affairs which





came to a head about the same time. Elizabeth is most anxious to get the house in shape before the impending meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union. Later we shall hope to see you and your good wife.

We all join in love to you both.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles J. Hittell,
Auzerais Bldg.,
San Jose,
Calif.

April 24, 1915.

My dear Dr. Grinnell:

Many thanks for the publications you have been good enough to send me. They are just what were needed to complete my files in satisfactory shape.

Dr. F. A. Lucas, Director of the American Museum of Natural History, happens to be on here just now, and is going to dine with us this evening. I intend to tackle him on the subject of air-proofing the teeth of big mammals, as he has always been noted for his ingenuity and may have something to suggest.

We expect to start for California the first week in May, and I look forward to meeting you before long.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Dr. Joseph Grinnell,
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology,
Berkeley, Calif.



April 24, 1915

Mr. Henry Anderson,
Gardiner,
Montana.

Dear Sir:

We have just received from you a box containing a splendid old male grizzly killed last month, and a female with most of the teeth gone, killed some time ago. I am very glad to have these and have credited you with $10 for the female and $35 for the male, making $45 in all. A check for this amount will be sent you about the first of the month by the Smithsonian Institution.

I shall be glad to take all the skulls of bears you are able to get during the present year.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 24, 1915

Prof. J. Stephenson,
Government College,
Lahore, India.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 4 only recently received, I regret to say that it is impossible for me to supply you with a copy of Dr. Gustav Eisen's 'Enchytraeids of the Harriman Alaska Expedition'. The last copy in my possession I sent to someone at Dr. Eisen's request several years ago.

Regretting my inability to help you in the matter,

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

April 25, 1915

Mr. B. V. Lilly,
Blue, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Lilly:

The bear skulls you were kind enough to send me arrived about a month ago. I have delayed writing in hopes of receiving a letter from you, but will not put it off any longer.

The sack contained one young grizzly skull and four skulls of black bears. Were all of these killed in the region near Blue, or were some of them from a greater distance?

And I cannot find that you ever told me just where you killed the big male grizzly you sent last year. I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly let me know the data and place of killing of this bear, and also whether all of the other bears were killed in the general region in which Blue is situated.

Have you any other skulls of grizzlies, old or young, or do you know where you can get any? If so





I should be very glad to purchase them.

Before making out the account for the skulls you sent last month, I would like to know if you would sell the big male you sent us last summer for $100? If so I will pay you that amount for the skin and skull and will add the others to the same account.

I saw Hollister this morning and he wished to be remembered to you.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Skulls received last month

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|---|---|---|
| 1 young grizzly | | $5.00 |
| 4 black bears | at $2.50 | 10.00 |
| | | $15.00 |

April 25, 1915

Mr. L. S. Crosby, Gen'l. Mngr.,
Brewster Transport Co., Ltd.,
Banff, Alta.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 22nd inst. received to-day. I am glad to know that the skull in question is safe, and that there is a fair chance that I can have it later. I am going to California for the summer next week, and will try to hunt it up at the C. P. R. Exhibit at San Francisco, so that I may have a good look at it in the near future.

Should you obtain any other skulls of grizzlies during the spring, summer, or fall, I would be glad of an opportunity to purchase the same. My address until the end of October will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Thanking you for your letter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 25, 1915

Mr. J. S. Hunter,
Calif. Fish and Game Comm.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Yours of the 20th inst. just received, with additional copies of the interesting Report of the Fish and Game Commission for 1912-14, for which I am very much obliged.

I expect to go to California in the near future to spend the summer as usual at Lagunitas, Marin County. I shall try to drop in on you some day when in San Francisco.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 25, 1915.

Mr. John Murgatroyd,
57 West 24th Street,
New York City.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in complying with my request for the loan of the bear skulls. Eight skulls from you have been received; four black bears, three grizzlies, and one polar. Two of the grizzlies are adult females, the other is an immature male.

The polar bear skull has been considerably damaged by salt or brine, from which circumstance I assume that you have the skin. If so, have you noticed anything peculiar about the skin, or is it just like all other polar bears? The skull differs from the normal polar in having the forehead more elevated and the molar teeth considerably larger.

All three of the grizzlies are of interest to me in the present state of my work, particularly the two females. If you are willing to dispose of these, I should be very glad to purchase them. I assume that the three grizzlies and four blacks were killed a year ago in western Wyoming between the North and South Forks of Shoshone River.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.



April 25, 1915

Dr. Arthur W. Elting,
119 Washington Ave.,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Elting:

In examining some bear skulls in the possession of John Murgatroyd, 57 West 24th Strret, New York City, I have become interested in a most peculiar skull on which your name is written in pencil. The skull is that of a polar bear with unusually high frontal region and preternaturally big teeth. When and where did you kill this bear? Was it an old male? And did it differ in color or general appearance from ordinary polars? There is nothing just like this skull in our National Museum.

A prompt reply will oblige, as I expect to start for California next week. By the way, should you visit the exposition at any time between now and the end of October, please drop me a line at Lagunitas, Marin County, California, (twenty-five miles north of the city), and I will try to connect with you. I have driven my car across the continent twice but am going by train this year, having left the car out there.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.

April 27, 1915.

Mr. James Adair,
626 Hennepin Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

If not already sold, will you kindly send me the following books offered in your Second List of Books, Pamphlets, and Maps:

79. Eastman, Charles A. Red Hunters and the Animal People .65

991. Merriam, Florence A. My Summer in a Mormon Village. .85

I have not yet received a receipt for the $2.50 sent you in payment for Fremont's 'Memoirs' on February 16, although you did send a receipt for Bunnell's 'Yosemite which was paid for at the same time.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

P. S. My check for $1.50 is enclosed herewith. Kindly send receipt with the books. C. H. M.



April 27, 1915

My dear Mr. Sargent:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 13th inst. from Pasadena. It is a relief to know that the grizzly skulls sent in by Jean Jacquot were from the Kluane Lake region, or the country immediately to the eastward.

It is good to know that we shall see you and Mrs. Sargent in June, for we shall be at our home at Lagunitas at that time. Whether we connect with you at the Fairmount or at Hotel Oakland will make little difference. Anyhow, we shall look for you at Lagunitas when you have done with the Fair.

With best wishes to you both,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Homer E. Sargent,
125 South Grand Avenue,
Pasadena, Calif.

April 27, 1915

Dear Mr. King:

Many thanks for your kindness in sending me the letter about Stelter's moose. This supplies exactly the information I was seeking, and adds enormously to the interest of the episode.

The letter you sent is returned herewith, and I wish to thank you for the trouble you took in securing this information.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles S. King,
Sanford Narrow Fabric Co.,
63 Leonard Street,
New York City.



April 27, 1915

Dear Mr. Fleming:

The book you were so good as to send me, 'Roughing it in the Bush', by Mrs. Moodie, arrived in perfect condition and is an attractive addition to any library. Although exceedingly busy just now, I have dipped into it in a number of places and find it of much interest, giving as it does a remarkably clear insight into the conditions under which the pioneers of the region lived. The illustrations are beautiful.

Hoping to see you soon in California, and with many thanks for this kind remembrance,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. J. H. Fleming,
267 Rusholme Road,
Toronto,
Canada.

April 29, 1915

Mr. Louis Bell,
Seward,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 4 reached me last week, and the batch of skulls arrived yesterday, for which I am crediting you with the accompanying prices:

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|---|---|
| 1 Adult male brown bear | $15. |
| 1 Adult female brown bear | 15. |
| 1 Cub | 2. |
| 1 Adult male black bear | 3. |
| 1 Adult female black bear | 2. |
| 1 Cub | 1. |
| 2 Wolverine and 6 Lynx (all damaged) @ 75 | 6. |
| | 44. |

I would allow you $1 each for the wolverine and lynx if they were reasonably perfect, but as you know, they were all broken - some of them badly broken - and the small bones in the region of the back part of the mouth are cut off.

Thanks for the claw of the brown bear. It is a whopper and I am very glad to have it.

You forgot to state on what part of the Kenai Peninsula the big bears were killed. Please let me know in your next letter. I shall be glad to take all the bear skulls you can get during the present year.

A check for the present invoice, amounting to $44, will be sent you from the Smithsonian Institution the first week in May.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



April 29, 1915

Dear Mr. Bird:

Confessions are said to be good for the soul. I will therefore tell you what has happened to your grizzly skin from Colorado.

When I left Washington for California the first of last July, I turned over to an assistant a number of skins and some skulls of bears to be returned to various persons who had been kind enough to loan them to me. Your skin was among them. Since my return last fall, the matter has been entirely out of my mind until the receipt of your most polite letter.

I immediately went to the Museum and made inquiries as to the whereabouts of the skin. The person who had attended to the various returns assured me that yours had been returned as he particularly remembered your name and Wisconsin address, he being a resident of that State. He failed however to find the record of shipment. We also searched the Biological Survey records for date of shipment and accompanying letter to you, but neither could be found.

I then suggested that possibly the skin

had not been returned, but was assured that this could not be the case. However, we dug into some big chests in which bear skins are stored, but did not find yours. I then requested the assistant to make a thorough search of the collection. After several days he discovered in one of the "hold up" cases, your skin along with that of a big grizzly from Arizona.

Apart from the delay, no harm has been done as the skin is in perfect condition. Nevertheless I am greatly mortified at the circumstances above related. The skin was returned to you by express prepaid today, and I trust will reach you in perfect condition.

As I wrote you last year, your skin proved to be of more than ordinary interest; in fact I have never seen a grizzly from the United States like it. I greatly appreciate your courtesy in loaning it to me and regret that owing to an accident it was not returned long ago.

It has been extremely difficult to bring together enough specimens for a satisfactory study of the Big Bears. The number of skins is utterly inadequate, but we have had better luck with skulls, of which we now have more than 500 in the National Museum collection. By far





the greater number of these are immature, there being surprisingly few fully adult males and females. Of the latter, your old female from Colorado holds a place of honor.

With renewed thanks for your kindness in the matter, and apologies for the delay in returning the skin,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. John P. Bird, President,
Wisconsin Fish and Game Protective League,
La Crosse, Wisconsin.

April 29, 1915

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Replying to your letter of yesterday just received, I am in favor of making the proposed grant of $2000 to Professor Griggs to enable him to study the revegetation of the large areas buried by the eruption of Katmai in June 1912.

If the time were not so short I would recommend sending a mammal collector also, as there is much to be learned about the mammals of the Alaska Peninsula, Kodiak Island, and adjacent islets; and our knowledge of the bird fauna also is far from complete.

In connection with this expedition I would like to again call attention to the lack of good photographs of the three great volcanoes of Unimak Island at the end of Alaska Peninsula - Shishaldin, Isanotski, and Pogromni. It may not be practicable for Professor Griggs personally to travel far enough west to do this, but it might be possible for him to secure the cooperation of someone on one of the numerous vessels that pass to and fro along this coast. As I have said repeatedly before the Board for many years, a series of good pictures of





these remarkable and strikingly different volcanoes would form most interesting illustrations for the Magazine.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

NIGHT LETTER

Washington, April 29, 5

Mrs. E. S. Cameron,
424 Main Street,
Long Beach, Calif.

Matter in hands of Land Office. Will let you know soon as I have definite information. Extremely sorry to learn of Mr. Cameron's illness.

C. Hart Merriam

April 30, 1915

Dear Mr. Stone:

Yesterday the curious bear skull no. 3308 which you were good enough to send me some time ago, was returned to you by the Biological Survey prepaid, and I am greatly obliged for the privilege of examining and photographing it again.

Hoping to see you and Mrs. Stone in California in the near future,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Witmer Stone,
Aacademy of Natural Sciences,
Philadelphia, Penn.



April 30, 1915

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Very many thanks for your letter of yesterday, telling me of the number of head of stock of different kinds killed by bears and other predatory animals during the grazing season of 1914, and for the accompanying summaries of reports of supervisors. This is exactly the information I wanted and I am greatly obliged to you for your kindness in furnishing it.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Will C. Barnes,
Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

April 30, 1915

Dear Mr. Dixon:

What can you tell me about land bears in the region adjacent to Barter Island, and anywhere from Barrow to the Mackenzie?

Several years ago Frederick Lambart of the Canadian Boundary Survey loaned me the skull of a big bear, apparently a grizzly, from the Alaska-Yukon boundary about fifty miles south of the Arctic coast. Recently Samuel Mixter of Boston sent the Biological Survey the skin and skull of a two year old cub labeled Barter Island, August, 1913. To my surprise this latter animal appears to be a very different species from the one killed by Lambart. Its back is of an unusual color, being largely whitish or buffy. The same is true of the skin sent in several years ago by Leffingwell from the mainland back of Flaxman Island.

Was Mixter's bear actually killed on the coast or did it come from some distance back in the interior? How near the coast do these big bears range and are they at all common? Did you learn that there are two species or did the natives regard them all as a single species?



Do Black Bears occur in the mountains back of the coast? Do you happen to know whether Grizzlies or Brown Bears occur within say 150 miles of Point Barrow? Any information you can contribute on the subject will be thankfully received as I am trying to secure as many facts as possible before publishing my work on the Big Bears.

Please address your reply to Lagunitas, Marin county, California, as I expect to go there for the summer next week.

The next time I see you I want to have a talk with you about your Arctic trip.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Joseph Dixon,
Los Angeles Museum History, Science and Art,
Los Angeles, California.

May 3, 1915

Dear Mrs. Cameron:

On receipt of your letter of April 23 I at once visited the Land Office to see what could be done and wired you to that effect. I have this moment received a letter from the Hon. Clay Tallman, Commissioner of the Land Office, stating that he has directed the local officers at Mills City to extend for 90 days the date at which it will be necessary to furnish evidence of naturalization. The Commissioner was kind enough to send me a press copy of his letter to the Register and Receiver at Mills City. I enclose the same herewith for your information, and am also returning the letters you sent me so that you will have all the papers of the case in your possession. Be sure to keep them.

I expect to go to California for the season the latter part of this week. My address until the end of October will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

You are laboring under a misapprehension as to my position. I retired from the Government service five years ago, since which I have been conducting scientific work as Research Associate. Smithsonian Institution under the E. H. Harriman Fund. For the preceding twenty-five years I had been Chief of the Biological Survey, not of the Smithsonian Institution.



I appreciate the serious nature of Mr. Cameron's illness, but hope that the doctors will be able to reach the seat of the trouble. If I can be of any assistance to you while in California, you will of course let me know.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you both,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. E. S. Cameron,
424 Maine Street,
Long Beach, Calif.

Miles City 02649-022854 "FS" SWN.

May 3, 1915

Hon. Clay Tallman, Commissioner,
General Land Office,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 1st inst. returning correspondence of Mrs. Evelyn J. Cameron relating to the serious illness of her husband Ewen S. Cameron, and consequent inability to complete naturalization in order to perfect title to homestead entries, Miles City serial 02649, and so on. You state that you have directed the local officers at Miles City to advise entryman that the time within which he may furnish evidence as to his citizenship has been extended for a period of 90 days. I greatly appreciate your courtesy in this matter, knowing the Camerons to be most worthy people.

Thanking you for your action in the matter,

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam



T E L E G R A M

Washington, D. C. May 3, 5

Mrs. E. S. Cameron
424 Maine Street
Long Beach, Calif.

Time for naturalization extended ninety days. Mailing letter today.

C. Hart Merriam

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May 3, 1915

Dear Mr. Daggett:

The small bear skull with big teeth (no. 82), which you were kind enough to send me a short time ago, I have just returned by express prepaid and trust that it will reach you in perfect condition.

As I wrote you when it came, it is a most interesting animal - in some respects intermediate between the Blacks and Grizzlies, in other respects different from either. It has characters quite different from those of any living bears, either American or Eurasian.

With many thanks for the privilege of studying it,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Frank S. Daggett,
Museum of History, Science and Art,
Los Angeles, Calif.

P. S. I expect to go to California this week and hope to see you at some time during the season.

May 4, 1915

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I enclose my April expense account amounting to $30.26, and the following bills which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Trust Fund.

I shall be still further obliged if you will kindly advance the usual $500. for field expenses, as I expect to start for California in a few days, to be gone until about the 1st of November. My California address as heretofore will be Lagunitas, Marin County.

During my absence you are authorized to pay the usual monthly rental of $50 for my office apartment at the Northumberland.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying bills:

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| Chas. J. Hittell - Skull of old male grizzly from Calif. | $50.00 |
| Henry Anderson - 2 Skulls of Grizzlies from western Wyoming | 45.00 |
| Office rental, The Northumberland for May with telephone | 51.35 |



C. Hart Merriam

The Northumberland, Washington, D. C.

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| 1915 | | | | | |
| Apr. 2 | Hudson River Book Concern | California item | 1 | 3 | 50 |
| " 13 | Subscription to Game Breeder for 1915 | | 2 | 1 | 00 |
| " 15 | Dugmore: Romance of the Beaver | | 3 | 2 | 50 |
| " 16 | Expressage on bear skull from California | | 4 | | 91 |
| " 20 | Remington Typewriter Co. | Repairs | 5 | 1 | 05 |
| " 28 | Minneapolis Book Exchange | Fremont's 'Memoirs' | 6 | 2 | 50 |
| " " | " " " | Eastman: Red Hunters | 7 | | 65 |
| | Potomac Electric Power Co. | Electric current | 8 | 1 | 00 |
| | Services of charwoman | | 9 | 3 | 00 |
| | Stamped envelopes | | | 2 | 10 |
| | Janitor | | | 1 | 00 |
| | Receipts not received in time for April acct. | | | | |
| Mar. 20 | Houlton Book Co. | Books | 10 | 7 | 25 |
| " 23 | H. A. O'Leary | Books | 11 | 1 | 30 |
| " 24 | Houlton Book Co. | Nevada Journal of the Senate | 12 | 2 | 50 |

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C. Hart Merriam

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May 4, 1915

Betzold Bros.,
3525 North 2nd St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am sending you by express prepaid a package containing one skin of a black bear and two skins of white fox for tanning. When you have finished them please return to the following address: E. W. Nelson (for C. Hart Merriam) Biological Survey, Washington, D. C. Please send bill to me at above address.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

May 5, 1915

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Here is another voucher for bear skulls recently received from Louis Bell, Seward, Alaska, amounting to $44, which I will be greatly obliged if you will kindly pay in connection with the April account sent you yesterday.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.



Louis Bell

Seward, Alaska

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| 1915 | Skulls: | | | |
| Apr. 29 | 1 Adult male Brown Bear from Kenai Peninsula | | | 15 00 |
| | 1 " female " " " " " | | | 15 00 |
| | 1 Cub " " " " " | | | 2 00 |
| | 1 Adult male black " " " " | | | 3 00 |
| | 1 " female " " " " | | | 2 00 |
| | 1 Cub " " " " " | | | 1 00 |
| | 2 Wolverine (damaged) " " " " | | .75 | 1 50 |
| | 6 Lynx " " " " | | .75 | 4 50 |
| | | | | $44 00 |

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44.00

C. Hart Merriam

May 5, 1915

Dear Mr. Clark:

Finally I have picked out and shipped to you by express those of the bear skulls needed for casting. This looks like an easy job, but it isn't. In fact the kind of skulls you really want, it is next to impossible to find. You want adult skulls showing mature skull characters and at the same time having good teeth. This combination doesn't exist except in very rare cases.

The skulls sent are male and female Kadiak Bears, Ursus middendorffi (the male not so large as some we have but the largest having reasonably good teeth); male adult Alaska Peninsula Bear, Ursus gyas; male Alaska Grizzly, Ursus alascensis; male Black Bear, Ursus americanus; male polar bear, Thalarctos maritimus.

The big canine teeth go to pieces very soon in these big bears and we have not found a remedy.

When done with these please return addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. James L. Clark,
1160 Southern Boulevard,
Bronx, New York City.



May 5, 1915

Dear Mr. Baker:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me the very attractive photograph, and the good news that both Fritzy and Little Willie are still alive. I shall make an effort to see them before I go, as I am most anxious to know whether they show external characters by which **kidderi** may be distinguished from gyas. Little Willie's mother was gyas; Fritzy's mother was **kidderi**, and I suppose it is safe to assume that the offspring take after their mothers in respect to species at least.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. A. B. Baker,
National Zoological Park,
Washington, D. C.

May 6, 1915

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Ellsworth skull, said to have come from Clearwater Creek on the Stikine, has come back from the photographer, and I am sending it to you by express today. It will follow closely on the heels of the six sent yesterday, making seven in all.

Very truly yours,

A. H. Brown

Mr. James L. Clark,
1160 Southern Boulevard,
Bronx, New York City.

May 9, 1915

Dear Mr. Warren:

Thanks for yours of the 4th inst. with the excellent photographs of flowers, which fortunately have just arrived in time to be filed before my departure for California. I am late in getting off, but expect to start tomorrow. My check for $2.50 in payment of these is enclosed herewith.

If I remember correctly, you once offered to make lantern slides. In case you are still doing this, I should be greatly obliged if you will make slides for me of the following (all from your Yellowstone Park negatives):

Mule Deer

Feb. 24, 1914 Rear view of three deer closely bunched, with a high cliff in the background
" " " Buck with head up in middle of photograph facing doe on right; another farther off on left
" 22 " Four or more in bunch, some showing rump patches
" 26 " One showing rump patch, at right of middle; buck on left in shadow

Mountain Sheep

Feb. 23 1914 Group; ram facing left
" 24 " Ram on steep slope standing in snow
" " " Group, with curved road in foreground





Antelope

Feb. 26, 1914 "Looking Backward"
" 25 " Four antelope feeding; one standing, one lying down
" " " Fawn and doe.

Please address to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California, where I shall be in a few days. I am sorry that we shall not see you at the A. O.U. meeting.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. E. R. Warren,
20 West Caramillo St.,
Colorado Springs,
Colo.

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May 9, 1915

My dear Dr. Elting:

You were most kind to answer my letter about the bear so promptly. There is evidently some mix-up in regard to the Murgatroyd bears. The polar skull mentioned in my previous letter is one of unusual interest and I still hope it may be possible to learn where and by whom it was killed. I appreciate your generous offer of your skull. We should of course be glad to have it for the Museum.

Murgatroyd is a mighty hard man to get a letter out of.

I am glad to know that you may come to California during the summer. If so don't fail to drop me a line at Lagunitas, telling me how I can connect with you.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Dr. Arthur W. Elting,
119 Washington Ave.,
Albany, N. Y.

May 10, 1915

Mr. James L. Clark,
1160 Southern Boulevard,
Bronx, New York City.

My dear Mr. Clark:

Your letter of the 8th inst. reaches me just as I am closing my office to start for California. As I am going today it is too late to pick out additional skulls now, but on my return about the latter part of October, I shall be very glad to send you young skulls with perfect teeth of such species as you may need. I had supposed that you wanted the form and size of the skulls in adults in addition to the teeth, and that the teeth might be molded from such as might remain in the skulls. I regret that I cannot attend to this now but shall be only too glad to do so on my return.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

P. S. My address until October will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

May 10, 1915

City Postmaster,
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today I am leaving with my family for California to be gone until the latter part of October. I shall be obliged therefore if all letter mail addressed to Dr. or Mrs. C. Hart Merriam, or Miss Zenaida Merriam, at 1919 16th Street, or the Northumberland Apartments, New Hampshire Avenue, be forwarded to Lagunitas, Marin County, California. I shall be further obliged if all package mail and advertisements, magazines, and so on, be left at the Northumberland Apartments, where they will be taken care of during my absence.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

May 10, 1915

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Unless notified to the contrary, will you kindly send salary checks for Miss Gertrude M. Allen and myself to Lagunitas, Marin County, California, from the present time until October, including September salary due the 1st of October.

Very truly yours,

E. Meriam

June 17, 1915

Dear Mrs. Cameron:

Thanks for your letter of the 12th inst. this day received. I am greatly pained, although not unprepared, to learn of your husband's death. His illness was probably incurable. What a pity it is for such an able man and such a good and useful citizen to be stricken in the prime of life! His contributions to the ornithology of Montana will remain a monument to his memory.

Dr. Witmer Stone and his wife were here a week or so ago and are probably still in California, but I do not know their present address. However I will write Dr. Stone at Philadelphia so that he may put a notice in the next 'Auk', though I fear it will be too late for the July number.

Are you going to be able to secure title to your property? In case of any trouble with the Land Office I would suggest that you write to Mr. Frank Bond, Chief Clerk, General Land Office, Washington, D. C., and tell him of your husband's death and of whatever difficulties may have developed in the way of completing your title. Mr. Bond is an ornithologist and came from Wyoming. He is familiar with your husband's bird work and took the



matter up when I saw him last spring. I know he will be glad to do anything in his power to help you. At the same time I realize that the matter of naturalization is outside of his province, and is something which neither of us knew anything about.

If I can be of any further assistance to you you will of course let me know.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Mrs. E. J. Cameron,
Marsh,
Dawson Co.,
Montana

June 17, 1915

Dear Dr. Stone:

Mrs. Cameron of Marsh, Dawson Co., Montana has just written me that her husband, Ewen S. Cameron, died May 25 in Pasadena. He had been seriously ill for several months. You are of course familiar with his articles in the 'Auk'. He was born December 19, 1854. His father was Allan Gordon Cameron of Barcaldine, Ledaig, Argyllshire, Scotland. I do not know when he came to this country but any further details could doubtless be obtained from Mrs. Cameron.

It was a pity you and Mrs. Stone could not have given us more time at Lagunitas, but perhaps you will

come again and stay longer next time.

With kindest regards to you both, in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Witmer Stone,
Philadelphia Acad. of Sciences,
Philadelphia,
Penn.

June 21, 1915

Dear Mr. Akeley:

When you come to San Francisco please let me know so that I may connect with you at the Exposition, and if possible have you out here for a weekend in the country.

Please send me your San Francisco address. My address for the remainder of the season will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 21, 1915

Mr. C. M. Belshaw,
Calif. State Auto. Assoc.
1628 Van Ness Ave.
San Francisco.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 15th inst., I enclose herewith my check on the Crocker National Bank for $5, as a contribution to the purchase of the old Tioga Road - a road over which I have traveled on horseback several times.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam



June 21, 1915

Pedrini Bros.,
Lagunitas,
Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your itemized bill dated Oct. 12, 1914, amounting to $18.01. I think I now understand the matter, this bill being for materials used by Wetmore in building my garage. These materials formed a part of the garage contracted for by the Collins Company and were covered by my final payment to him. The bill therefore should have been paid by Collins, not by me.

From the fact that you did not submit the bill to me until about eight months after it was due, I assume that you sent the bill to Collins and that he failed to pay it. This being the case, I do not want you to lose anything on material furnished in connection with this matter, and am therefore enclosing my check for $18.01 in payment for same, although my payment to Collins covered this material.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

June 21, 1915

Dear V. B.:

Your postal from Winnepeg came duly but your promise of a letter in the near future has not been fulfilled.

We have been much interrupted by company ever since our arrival, and have not had much time for office work or field trips. Saturday morning however Susie took us on a fine drive to the northward, going first down Lagunitas Creek to Tocaloma, thence to Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Mark West Springs, and the Petrified Forest; thence to Calistoga at the head of Napa Valley, and down the valley to Napa City; thence westerly into the mountains at a place in the Redwoods called Sequoia Resort, where we spent the night. Yesterday, Sunday, we drove back to Napa, thence to Sonoma and north through Sonoma Valley, and out through the pass to Santa Rosa, returning by Petaluma and San Rafael.

If the bear work were in shape to justify another absence in the near future, I would go north to Humboldt Bay and the mouth of the Klamath - but this will have to be postponed.

What luck did you have with Thomomys? Did the ranges of the two forms work out as you had expected?



Florence seems to be comfortably and pleasantly settled for the summer.

How can we keep the deer from eating the tender fronds of the ferns about the house nights?

As ever yours,

Mr. Vernon Bailey,
Gardiner,
Montana.

June 21, 1915

Dr. O'Donnell,
Glen Ellen,
Sonoma County,
Calif.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that you have in your possession the skull of a grizzly bear killed in Sonoma County some years ago. Will you kindly let me know if this is correct, and if so, when and where the bear was killed?

For some years past I have been engaged in a study of the Big Bears of North America with a view to the publication of a monograph on the subject. For this reason I am anxious to see as many skulls as possible, particularly of grizzlies killed in California.

You may be interested to know that in the National Museum at Washington we have about twenty skulls of grizzlies from this State.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

June 21, 1915

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

When are you and Mrs. Grosvenor coming to San Francisco? Please let us know the date as nearly as you can, and also your hotel address when you have decided on your stopping place.

We hope you will be able to spare us a weekend while on the coast as we are anxious to take you and Mrs. Grosvenor over some of the beautiful Marin County hills and valleys.

With best wishes to you both, in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor,
National Geographic Soc.,
Washington,
D. C.

June 23, 1915

Dear Nelson:

Thanks for yours of the 17th just received. No, I don't know anything about a mountain lion skin from your man Green of Utah. I do however know about the bear skulls from Walker and Sommerville, and am mighty glad to know that they are good ones.

There are several things however which you forgot to tell me. One was, whether or not one of these shipments was the one for which I sent you the notification card on June 7. The other points on which I am still in doubt are whether these skulls are adult, young, or middle aged, and whether they are males or females. It is very important that I should have this information, as I wrote you in my last letter, in order that I may make proper payment, the adult males being worth at least twice as much as adult females. If you could let me know about this by return mail I should be glad, as this will enable me to send in the vouchers on the 1st of July with my other accounts.

Have you arranged with anyone to give me the necessary information after you leave, about the bear skulls that will be coming in during the summer - the information asked for in my letter of June 7?



I was not surprised ~~at the information~~ that Goldman found six inches of snow at Springerville on June 14, as J. W. Schultz, who came from Greer a few days ago, told me that fourteen inches fell at that place on or about the same date.

Please send me about 100 printed Biological Survey, ~~labels~~ skull tags (metallic), not strung. I have written for bear skulls to practically all the postmasters in Alaska - some 125 in number - and also a considerable number in Yukon and British Columbia, some of whom have already been heard from. But the tag supply is completely exhausted.

Have the black bear and white fox skins been returned from the tanner? You will remember that I sent them direct to the tanner whose address you furnished, with the request that he return them to you in care of the Biological Survey, as you were good enough to offer to hold them until our return in the fall.

We had our last rain on May 24, but are having plenty of wind now.

A few lilacs have been reserved for Henshaw and yourself, but the main army has gone up in smoke.

By the way, when do you leave Washington and when are you likely to show up in Marin County?

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 23, 1915

Dear Henry:

When are you likely to reach the coast in the course of your summer peregrinations? Knowing that it will be impracticable for you to take your usual exercise in golf, we have saved a few lilacs and a good axe to enable you to work up an appetite. Furthermore, Susie is now in excellent health and spirits and would like you to accompany her over some of the Marin hills and valleys. She has just returned from a 200-mile run to the northward.

In connection with my forthcoming lectures before the Summer School of the University of California I would like to say something about the bird and game reservations, but find that I have not at hand copies of the publications in which these are discussed. If you can send me the necessary literature in time to reach me not later than July 3, I shall be obliged. If I remember rightly one of your reprints contained a map showing the location of the various reservations.

Zenaida joins in kind regards, but I prefer to let Elizabeth deliver her own messages.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Henry W. Hanshaw,
Chief Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.



June 23, 1915

Mr. Charles S. Sloane,
411 Post Office Bldg.,
San Francisco,
Calif.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

How does next Sunday strike you? If you are free can you not come to us Saturday afternoon on the train leaving San Francisco at 3:45 and arriving at Lagunitas at 5:16? If so I will meet you at the train, which will be in ample time for supper.

Take the Sausalito ferry (north side of Ferry Building) to Sausalito, where you catch the train for Lagunitas. You may have to change cars at Manor as most of the trains are electric to Manwhere they change to narrow-gage steam

If it is not convenient for yo to come for this weekend don't hesitat to say so, and we will arrange a later date. But the country is beautiful now and I am sure you will enjoy a tramp or an auto ride or both.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 23, 1915

Mr. Ernest P. Walker,
Wrangell,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 2nd inst., just forwarded to me from Washington.

I am very glad to know that you have sent me two bear skulls with data, as I am most anxious to secure as many skulls as possible of grizzly and brown bears during the present season.

As soon as I hear from the Biological Survey as to the sex and age of these skulls, I will attend to the payment for same. I am particularly anxious to secure adult males - the more the better - and will pay a good price for the same.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



June 23, 1915

Dear Mr. Barnes:

You surely are a helpful collaborator and I am delighted to learn from your letter of the 14th inst. that you have a grizzly skull for me from the Windriver Mountains. Even if the skull has lost tooth and has been injured by the application of cold lead, it will still be of value to me, and I shall be very glad to pay a fair price for it when I get back in the fall.

Should you chance to fall in with any other bear skulls during the summer, do not hesitate to let me know how I can get hold of them.

I am delighted to know that you are likely to be in San Francisco early in September. I shall hope to see you here at Lagunitas about that time.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Mr. Will C. Barnes,
Assistant Forester,
Dept. of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

June 23, 1915

Mr. William P. Chisholm,
Waterton Mills,
Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th inst. about your Grizzly Bear.

I am glad to purchase skulls of Grizzly Bears at fair prices, but am not in the market for skins at anything approaching the price you mention.

Respectfully,

E. Nelson Harrison -

June 24, 1915

Schwabacher-Frey Stationery Co.,
~~565-561 Folsom St.~~ 809 Market St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for $10.50 in payment of the accompanying bills.

All the goods have now been received. The slide boxes however were so carelessly packed - in fact not packed at all but merely wrapped in brown paper - that two of them were badly damaged in transit, as might have been expected.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam -



June 24, 1915

California Automobile Assoc.,
1628 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

On June 14, just ten days ago, I paid you for a copy of the new Pacific Coast Road Book, which you said would be out that day or the next, and you agreed to send a copy to my address at Lagunitas, Marin County. Thus far the book has not been received. Possibly there was some hitch in the date of publication.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

June 24, 1915

Mr. Robert Sommerville,
Gardiner,
Montana.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 26 has been forwarded me from Washington, and I have just learned that the skulls you sent have arrived in good condition. I am allowing you $1 for the coyote, $3 for the black bear, and $10 for the roach-back. A check for this amount will be sent you from the Smithsonian Institution about the first of July.

I shall be glad to take as many grizzlies and roach-backs and old male black bears as you are able to obtain during the rest of the season.

My address until October will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California, but skulls should be sent as before, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



June 24, 1915

W. H. Spaulding, Esq.
Hawk Inlet,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter, which has been forwarded to me from Washington. I am glad to know that you can obtain skulls of bears for me, but I fear you use the term "brown bear" for the brown phase of the small black bear. Brown bears proper are huge animals, bigger than grizzlies, from the neighborhood of Lynn Canal northwesterly to Bering Sea. But neither brown bears or grizzlies are known from your island. It is for these large bears (both brown and grizzly) that I offered the high prices previously mentioned. For the skulls of the small black bear or its brown phase from the coast and islands, I will pay from $2 to $4 each, according to sex, age, and condition.

All specimens should be securely packed and addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. In case they are sent by express they should be shipped charges collect; in case they are sent by parcel post I will remit the postage.

I expect to remain in California at the above

Mr. W. H. S.

address until October, when I return to Washington, but I will be informed as to the shipments of skulls received at the Biological Survey during my absence.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

June 25, 1915

Dear Doctor Stone:

Thanks for your card from Field. It is good that you had a chance to cool off on the way home.

We are glad to know that you and Mrs. Stone carry pleasant memories of Lagunitas, and hope that you will repeat your visit and stay longer.

Susie has entirely recovered and has recently taken us for a two hundred mile run to the north.

In poking over some odds and ends of books which I picked up last year, I found a curious little volume entitled 'Philadelphia in 1824'. It contains a lot of information and some rather funny statements. But it is a pity that it should not be in the hands of a true Philadelphian who could appreciate its local color. Please accept it therefore with the compliments of Lagunitas.

Whatever became of the Franklin Fund mentioned on page 73, and various others which seem to have been inspired by kind-hearted and public-spirited citizens?

With best wishes to you both, in which we all join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Witmer Stone,
Academy Natural Sciences,
Philadelphia,
Penn.



June 25, 1915

Dear WB:

Your letter of the 17th inst. has arrived. We were very glad to hear from you and to know of the interesting trip you have been making in the Saskatchewan country. When you were in the Carlton House region I hope you picked up one or two topotypes of the old Richardson species. How about Lanius excubitorides? The Lamprotornis was of course a migrant and was not obtainable at this season.

It is good that you were able to settle the Thomomys matter by personal work and observations, but you carefully avoided telling me whether the facts you discovered agreed with your previous theory of the distribution of the alleged two forms.

Glad you picked up a few of those big Citellus richardsoni.

It must have been mighty interesting to look over the ruins of the old fort, and to tramp over ground once tramped over by Sir. John Richardson.

Did you pick up any information about grizzlies while up there? It used to be a great grizzly country according to early accounts.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 24, 1915

Daniel Brown, Esq.,
Kasaan,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

My esteemed friend and former assistant, Mr. E. A. Preble of the Biological Survey, tells me that if you happen to be free at the present time, he thinks you would undertake a bear hunt for me in the interior of British Columbia. He says that you are in the habit of making trips with pack dogs and are therefore able to go into remote localities without too great expense.

I am anxious to secure as many skulls as possible of grizzly bears, particularly adult bears of both sexes, and I am always glad to purchase such specimens at good prices. So if you run across Indians or others who happen to have skulls on hand, I shall be glad if you will kindly purchase the same for me.

Should you care to undertake the trip I have in mind, I could pay you at the rate of $175.00 per month for three months, this amount to cover everything - you paying all your own expenses.

The route I will leave almost wholly to you, merely stating that I have a number of grizzly skulls





from the Stikine region as far inland as the Dease Lake and Cassiars, and two or three skulls from the upper Skeena region including Tatlatuey Lake, but nothing from farther east in the interior. I should be glad of additional skulls from all points along the Stikine or Skeena, but am especially anxious to obtain them from localities farther in the interior to the eastward. Whether or not it would be practicable for you to take the Stikine route and penetrate to the upper waters of the Liard, or to follow the Skeena River route and push into the interior as far as the Finlay or Parsnip and get out before it is too late, I do not know. We have no skulls from the Babine or Tacla country or Stuart River or anywhere so far east.

In addition to the skulls from the interior, I am anxious to get hold of skulls from the coast region or lower courses of the rivers from anywhere south of Lynn Canal in southeastern Alaska or British Columbia, and will pay good prices for skulls from this coast strip, provided the same are labeled for the locality where killed. You may know hunters from whom such skulls might be purchased.

In case you are willing to undertake the trip suggested, following whatever route seems to you most likely to promise the best results, please let me know when you will start, what route you plan to take, and where you wish your salary sent. I suppose it will be impracticable to connect with you after you have left the settlements.

I realize that on a trip of this kind you will have all you can do to bring out skulls, without attempting to carry the skins. I wish however that you would save the front part of the fore paw with the long claws of each bear killed, and tie the same to the skull.

Each skull should be labeled with the locality where killed, the sex, date, and your own name. It is not necessary to clean the skulls, but the thick flesh and tongue should be cut off, and the brain should be removed thru the hole in the back of the skull, care being taken not to injure the bone.

If you strike any post offices along the way, any skulls which you might have, if dry, might be carefully wrapped and shipped by parcel post. Money spent on postage will be refunded. Or if you have opportunity, specimens might be sent by express, charges collect. All shipments





should be addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

I expect to remain in California until October, when I will return to Washington. Specimens reaching the Biological Survey during my absence will be properly cared for, and I will be notified of their arrival.

Hoping to hear from you in the very near future,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

My post office address until October will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

June 25, 1915

Hudson Book Store,
25 West 42nd St.
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your catalogue No. 34 recently received. From this catalogue I should be glad to purchase the following:

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| | Dodge, Col.H. Report of the Expedition of the Dragoons to the Rocky Mts. during 1835. | $4.00 |
| 147 | Russell, Osborne. Journal of a Trapper or Nine Years in the Rocky Mts., 1834-1843 | 10.00 |
| 199 | Buschmann, J. Die Spuren der Aztekischen Sprache im noerdlichen Mexiko | 7.50 |
| 80 | Henry, A. Travels and Adventures in Canada N. Y. 1809 | 7.50 |

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 26, 1915

Dear Mr. Sloane:

We are sorry that you could not come today, but your visit will be appreciated just as well a week hence and the ferns will be a little more grown. So if you will take the train mentioned, leaving Sausalito Ferry, San Francisco at 3:45 next Saturday, I will meet you at Lagunitas station at 5:16. And we will hope for as fine a day as today.

Until then, with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Mr. Charles S. Sloane,
411 Post Office Bldg.,
San Francisco,
Calif.



What are you up to this summer?

With love to you both from all of us,

As ever,

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert,
Milford,
Utah.

June 26, 1915

Dear Arch:

It doesn't seem creditable, and yet it is a fact, that we have been so continuously busy that I did not find time until yesterday to go over the shelves of the vault to search for the few bales you left here. They went to you by parcel post last evening, and I trust will reach you safely.

In the sitting room beside has discovered one or two books which none of us remember seeing before. The one I particularly remember is 'Love's Rosary'. It seems so peculiarly appropriate to the affections of newly married couples that we suspect its ownership outside the Merriam tribe.

June 26, 1915

Dear Professor and Mrs. Hall:

It is too bad that we were not able to connect with you in time for the Pinnacles trip, but we have been busy with company and other things not figured on in the beginning. However, as you say, we must make a little trip together somewhere sometime, and I think we can arrange to suit your convenience, barring certain weekends when we shall have company.

Meanwhile cannot you both run out here for a few days with us? Susie is in good health and would be glad to take you on various little excursions.

With kindest regards to you both and to your aunt, in which Mrs. M. and Zenaida join,

As ever yours,



June 26, 1915

Dear JC:

You have been in my mind ever since the A. O. U. meeting, and I have been continually expecting to see you or write you. But we have had so much company and so many things to do that it has been impracticable.

When are you and yours going to your northern place for the summer vacation? We want you all for a weekend when it will best suit your convenience. Then I want to see you some day at your office to talk bears.

With best wishes to you all in which Mrs. M. and Zenaida join,

As ever yours,

Prof. J. C. Merriam,
Berkeley,
Calif.

June 26, 1915

Dear Jo:

You have been in my mind ever since the A. O. U. meeting, and I have been continually expecting to see you or write you. But we have had so much company and so many things to do that it has been impossible.

When are you and yours going to your northern place for the summer vacation? We want you all for a weekend when it will best suit your convenience. Now I want to see you some day at your office to talk about

With best wishes to you all in which Mrs. H. and Zonaide join,

As ever yours,

Prof. J. O. Harlow,
Berkeley,
Calif.

Original Defective

June 28, 1915

Dear Doctor Lucas:

A note in the San Francisco papers states that the Association of Museums is going to meet in that city early in July. This gives me a thrill of hope that you will be one of the visiting delegates, and that we may see you here at Lagunitas.

If you come either now or at any time before the end of October, please let me know your San Francisco address so that I may connect with you as early as practicable. We have no telegraph or telephone here, but a rather dependable daily mail.

Mrs. Merriam and Zensida join me in the hope that you (including Mrs. Lucas and your daughters if they accompany you) will give us a few days so that we can show you some of the attractions of the Redwood belt and adjacent region.

Very truly yours,

Dr. F. A. Lucas, Director,
American Museum of Natural History,
New York City.



June 28, 1915

California Auto. Assoc.,
1622 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of the 25th inst., signed D. Rutherford, notified me that a copy of the Blue Book recently purchased had been sent me by Wells Fargo Express. There being no express office at Lagunitas, the person to whom I paid the money agreed to send the book by parcel post. However, not having received it I went to San Geronimo, the nearest express office, and there found it.

By the way, who is responsible for the maps and routes given in this book? The omissions can be counted by the dozen. For instance no road is shown leading to Inverness, a point visited by hundreds of autos every week. Neither is the road shown to Tiburon which has been so much used for the past year. Neither is there any indication of the excellent road from Tocaloma to Petaluma, or from either Soledad or Hollister to Pinnacles, a national monument and place of great interest. Nor is there any indication of the road from Jolon to San Antonio Mission and Santa Lucia Peak. The same is true of various others in other parts of the state.

On page 88 is a directory of the California Garage and Repairmen's Association, but no information is given as to the cities in which the various street addresses are located.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



June 28, 1915

Dear Mr. Pearson:

Your letter of the 17th inst., the slides, literature, and check have arrived safely, for which I am very much obliged. The slides are very beautiful and I shall be glad to retain them permanently, for which I enclose check herewith. (30 slides at 80¢ is $24.00.)

A letter just received from Professor Rieber, Dean of the Summer School, informs me that my four lectures will come on July 6, 7, 8, and 9. This is entirely satisfactory to me.

I will open the course with a statement of the objects and accomplishments of the Audubon Society, and will distribute the literature you have supplied for that purpose.

I am glad of the information given in your letter, and will of course speak of the splendid educational work you are doing in your Junior Audubon classes. In this connection however, you doubtless realize that your leaflets and colored plates, also the books of reference you recommend, relate almost exclusively to eastern species. Nevertheless several of these species have closely related

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forms in the West, so that even a California boy should be glad to have them.

We were much disappointed that you were not able to visit us here at Lagunitas before returning East. The next time you are so near I trust you will not pass us by.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson,
National Assoc. Audubon Societies,
1974 Broadway,
New York City.

June 29, 1915

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I hand you my expense account for June, amounting to $38.44, and three vouchers for bear skulls (B. V. Lilly, $24.50; Robert Sommerville, $14.00; M. Abbott Frazar, $8.00), which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

I am enclosing also two subvouchers which should have accompanied the May account, but were received too late - one from the Hudson Book Company, $3.20; the other for room at the Inside Inn on May 17-20, $9.00.

Please send a couple of dozen vouchers as I neglected to bring a supply from Washington and may need a number in connection with the purchase of bear skulls. During the month of June we have written to practically all the postmasters in Alaska, Yukon Territory and British Columbia in the hope of obtaining additional bear skulls needed during the present season.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

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| June 4 | W. W. Nisbet - Publications on Calif. Indians | 1 | 9 95 |
| " 11 | Schwabacher-Frey Stationery Co. - Stationery and copy press | 2 | 11 49 |
| " 12 | Northwestern Pacific R. R. - Express on copy press | 3 | 26 |
| " 14 | Isaac Upham Co. - Tamalpais map | | |
| " 15 | Schwabacher-Frey Stationery Co.- 1M Letter heads | 4 | 1 50 |
| " 19-20 | Trip through Santa Rosa, Sonoma and Napa Valleys and Mountains between Mark West and Calistoga | 5 | 5 50 |
| " 19 | 20 gals. gasoline @15¢ $3.00 Half | | |
| " 20 | Hotel, Sequoia Resort, Napa | | 1 50 |
| " 20 | Lunch | 6 | 1 50 |
| " 22 | Schwabacher-Frey Stationery Co. - Stationery | 7 | 50 |
| | Stamps and stamped envelopes | | 2 34 |
| | Janitor - Office apartment, Northumberland | | 2 90 |
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C. Hart Merriam

B. V. Lilly

Blue, Arizona

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| June 25 | 1 Skull of young grizzly from Arizona | | | 5 00 |
| | 7 Skulls of Black Bears " " | | 2.50 | 17 50 |
| | 2 Skulls of Black Bear Cubs " (imperfect) | | 1.00 | 2 00 |

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Robert Sommerville

Gardiner, Montana

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| June 25 | 1 Coyote Skull | 1 00 |
| | 1 Black Bear Skull | 3 00 |
| | 1 Roachback Skull | 10 00 |

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M. Abbott Frazar

89 Sudbury Street, Boston, Mass.

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| June 7 | 4 Skulls of Black Bears from New England | $2.00 | 8 00 |

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8.00

June 29, 1915

Dear Mr. Pearson:

When writing you yesterday I had not examined the slides carefully. On looking them over this morning I find two errors in the numbers. The one of a flock of Laughing Gulls standing on shore is numbered 18, while 18 on your list calls for the Least Tern. The slide however is a good one and I am glad to keep it. The other case is that of the Black Skimmer, of which there are duplicate slides from the same negative. One of these is correctly numbered 20; the other, which I am returning herewith, is numbered 14, which number on your list calls for the Sooty Tern. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly have the slide of the Sooty Tern sent me in exchange for the duplicate Skimmer which I am mailing with this.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson,
Nat'l Assoc. of Audubon Societies,
1974 Broadway,
New York City.



June 29, 1915

Dear Doctor Stephens:

So you have yielded to the inevitable! Well, I believe you have done wisely, as the Cadillac-8 seems to be mighty near the top of the pile according to present achievement in automobile construction.

I shall be only too happy to accept your invitation for a ride as soon as I am free again, which will be any time after July 12. Next week I shall be very fully occupied, but will probably drop in at your office some morning.

You were mighty good to send me that monumental work of Agassiz's with the exquisite illustrations by Sonrel. I read the books in 1875 - just forty years ago - and indulged in the hope that some day I might be the proud owner of a set.

Last week Susie took us all for a trip of a couple of hundred miles through Santa Rosa, Sonoma, and Napa Valleys, going by way of Tocaloma, Petaluma, Mark West Springs, Petrified Forest, and Calistoga, and spending the night at a curious place called Sequoia Resort, situated in the mountains eight miles west of Napa.

I hope that Mrs. Stephens has recovered from

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the sore throat that was troubling her a short time ago, and that you all will be free to make another attempt at Lagunitas and Nicasio Valley in the not distant future.

With kindest regards to you all.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
Central Block,
Alameda, Calif.

June 30, 1915

George W. Wallace, Esq., Water Registrar,
Water Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 23rd inst. forwarded from my Washington address.

In accordance with your suggestion I shall be obliged if you will have the water supply at my house (1919 - 16th Street) discontinued at the stop cock box in the street until notification of my return to the city, which will probably be about the end of October.

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam



June 30, 1915

A. B. Willis, Esq.,
Mngr. S-P. Vaporizer Agency,
1823 Fourteenth St.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th inst, would state that if my car were in Washington where you could yourself install the vaporizer, I should be disposed to purchase one, but as I am spending the summer in the country in California, and am not a machinist, I do not know of any practicable way to have the thing attached.

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam

July 1, 1915

Prof. C. H. Rieber,
Dean Summer Session,
University of California,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Professor Rieber:

Thanks for your letter of the 26th inst. telling me that my four lectures will come on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 6 to 9 inclusive. But you omitted to state the hour.

In compliance with your request for the subjects of each lecture, I am enclosing the same herewith.

In the past I have had so many slides ruined by hot lanterns that you will pardon me for expressing the hope that yours will not be of this kind. I trust also that the operator will have had enough experience to handle slides without waste of time, as I shall have a rather large number.

If you will kindly notify me of the hour of the first lecture, I shall be greatly obliged, and will go down in time to call on you before the lecture.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



BIRDS AND MAMMALS OF NORTH AMERICA

By Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Under the Auspices of the National Assoc. of Audubon Societies

July 6 Birds in their Relations to Man
The Federal Bird and Game Reservations
July 7 Mammals: Principal Groups and Economic Relations
July 8 Distribution and Migrations of Birds and Mammals
July 9 Protective Coloration and other Adaptations of Birds and Mammals

Brown University and John Carter Brown Libraries. Kindly let me know your preference in the matter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss S. Risley Clemence,
American Museum of Nat. History,
New York City.

July 2, 1915

Dear Miss Clemence:

As nothing definite was said as to the date when you would begin work with me further than that it would be in the fall, it occurs to me that you may be wondering when to come.

I expect to return to Washington about the first of November, and should be glad to have you there at that time. But if you would like to begin a month earlier, I could lay out enough work for you to do in libraries, either in Washington, New York, or New England. In case you happen to be taking your vacation in Rhode Island, it might be worth while to spend a month in the

later, and has been in excellent health and spirits ever since.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. A. K. Fisher,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

July 2, 1915

Dear Doctor Fisher:

In looking over one of your recent Bulletins I notice an illustration of a choker mole trap. This is a new one to me, and I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me a few in order that I may give them a trial. If they catch Neurotrichus they will be a good thing for the gardens in this region, for both Scapanus and Neurotrichus are believed to cause damage here by pushing their everlasting subterranean runways among the garden plants.

It was a matter of much regret to us that you were not able to stay here longer, and that Susie was indisposed at the time. She fully recovered a few days

July 5, 1915

Dear Colonel Rizer:

You seem to be in the same box as we are, so far as Ruth is concerned. We've been on the lookout for her for the past week, but not a word has come from her, and we are still in ignorance as to her whereabouts. However, we will hold your envelope of letters for her and pray long and often that she will show up in the near future.

We are having a cool spring so far, and last week thought we saw premonitory signs of summer. Yesterday the highest temperature was 64° (formerly) and the nights stand uniformly at 50° or 52°.

Your friend Charles S. Sloane, Secretary of the Geographic Board, is helping us enjoy the 4th, and we earnestly wish that you also were with us.

With best wishes from us all to yourself, Isabelle and Elsie,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Col. H. C. Rizer,
Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.



July 5, 1915

Mr. Henry W. Henshaw,
Chief, Biological Survey,
Dept. of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Henshaw:

Very many thanks for your promptness in responding to my request for literature on the bird and mammal reservations. The documents came last night and contain just the information I was seeking.

With many thanks, and hoping to see you here later,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 12, 1915

My dear Mr. Sargent:

Your letter of Sunday evening reached us a few minutes ago on our return from an auto trip through Nicasio Valley.

Most unfortunately it is impossible for us to accept your kind invitation for lunch on Wednesday for the reason that a friend from Washington is coming tomorrow to stay until Thursday, on which day we have a lunch engagement in the city.

We shall be glad to run over and call on you and Mrs. Sargent Thursday afternoon if you are to be at the Hotel Oakland. I will try to get you by phone Thursday morning about nine o'clock, but don't stay in if you have anything on hand.

With kindest regards to you both, and regrets that we are unable to accept your invitation.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Mr. Homer E. Sargent,
Hotel Oakland,
Oakland,
Calif.

July 13, 1915

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Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

We are very much pleased to know that you and Mrs. Grosvenor will give us a weekend while you are in San Francisco the latter part of this month. But don't think of leaving the girls in San Francisco. By all means bring them with you, as I have an idea that they might enjoy a little outing in real wild country.

When you reach San Francisco please drop me a line giving your city address. We can then arrange the exact date either by letter or phone. By the way, there is no telephone at Lagunitas, but I can call you up some morning from a neighboring town.

Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join me in kindest regards to you and Mrs. Grosvenor, and are equally delighted that we shall have the pleasure of seeing you here in the near future.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

July 14, 1915

Mr. Albert L. Barrows,
Univ. of California Library,
Berkeley,
Calif.

My dear Mr. Barrows:

Your letters of the 12th and 13th have just arrived. The notice of the excursion for August 7 I have changed in several particulars, and am returning it to you herewith. The only uncertainty so far as I now know is as to the distance to be walked. I will ascertain this tomorrow morning from Miss Alice Eastwood and phone you, so that if five miles is not right you may make the necessary correction.

Your suggestion to walk from Mill Valley up the mountain might suit an outfit of California hikers but is out of the question for the average eastern zoologist, and would be impracticable in the time at our disposal.

I have added the round trip fare so that those who plan to make the excursion will not expect free transportation.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

P. S. About the bear skulls: I have none at this end of the line but if Dr. Grinnell, in charge of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, thinks proper, I should be glad to borrow a few as you suggest. I will speak to him about it and will then arrange with Mr. Storer.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

EXCURSION FOR ZOOLOGISTS TO MT. TAMALPAIS AND MUIR WOODS

This excursion will be in charge of Dr. C. Hart Merriam, of the Smithsonian Institution. Mt. Tamalpais is of special interest to biologists because of the close relations existing between its fauna and flora, and because of the reversal of the usual sequence of faunal zones as found on most mountains.

Members of the party may provide their own lunch, or lunch at Tamalpais Inn. The walking trip will cover about 5 miles.

Take Sausalito Ferry, leaving Ferry Building, San Francisco 9:15 AM. At Sausalito board Mill Valley train, reaching Mill Valley 10:05 AM. At Mill Valley take Mt. Tamalpais Railway to summit (Tamalpais Inn), whence the party will walk westerly along crest of ridge to Rock Spring and thence to Muir Woods. Returning, the paaty will leave Muir Woods at 4:40 PM, reaching San Francisco at 6:35 PM.

Round trip tickets should be purchased from San Francisco to Tamalpais Inn and Muir Woods. Cost. $2.90.

from. I am enclosing a few tags herewith

Lagunitas will be my address until the middle of October, but we hope to see you and Mrs. Schultz here on your return trip before that date.

With best wishes to you both,

As ever yours,

Mr. J. Willard Schultz,
Glacier Park Hotel,
Glacier National Park,
Montana.

July 16, 1915

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Dear Will:

It is good to see your hand writing again, and to know that you have made such an interesting beginning in your work with the Blackfeet. Wish I had had the privilege of attending those ceremonies.

Many thanks for your kindness in securing the promise of grizzly skulls from William Ellsworth. Please tell him that I pay a good price for all skulls of grizzlies, particularly those of adult males. In case he gets hold of any, please ask him to ship them by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. and to put his own name on the outside of the box, and also on each tag so that there may be no doubt as to who the shipment came

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ted that Ruth return here with Ri[illegible] both Tuesday night and that, the aforementioned White girl call for her in her Packard Thursday to take her to Petaluma by auto.

During Ruth's brief stay with us we had three auto rides - one to Inverness, one to San Rafael, and the third and best up Lagunitas Creek. The only regret was that you were not with us.

With love from us all,

As ever yours,

Col. H. C. Rizer,
Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

July 16, 1915

Dear Colonel Rizer:

Butte's like a letup [illegible] and we had [illegible] When mygrant, has come and gone a nice little visit with her. she left here yesterday and is expected to take the night train for Yosemite, where she probably arrived today. [illegible] has been attending a lot of useless conventions with other girls and looks tired, but will doubtless be in fine trim as soon as she has a chance to rest. From all you may infer that she received the package of letters.

On returning from Yosemite next Tuesday she has an appointment in the city with my first wife, after which she is going to visit a girl friend by the name of White in Petaluma. The White Girl drives a car, on the strength of which we suppose

July 16, 1915

Dear VB:

Yours of June 30 from Baker City interested us considerably but saddened us all when we came to the unhappy statement that you are not likely to show up at Lagunitas this year. I don't know what sort of a job you are doing in Yellowstone Park but it must be important in order to freeze you out of Oregon.

It is good that you learned the truth about Thomomys talpoides in time to straighted the matter out in your revision. It is good also that you have been able to color in the zones on four quadrangles of the Blue Mountain sheets. And you found the nest of a Solitaire at 6500 feet! Was this in Canadian or Hudsonian?

Did you have time to visit the Wallowas? If so I hope you gathered in that mountain lion who played us such a shabby trick many years ago.

Keep a sharp lookout for grizzly skulls wherever you are, and inquire of all the old hunters you meet. Tell them I am paying a good price for grizzlies, especially old males.

Of course you can trap all you want to in the Park, but will not be able to do any gun hunting.



On August 7, the day before Florence's birthday, I am to take a party of A. A. A. S. zoologists to Tamalpais, walking from the Inn to Rock Spring, and thence down to Muir Woods. Wish you were going to be along to operate your illuminating cerebral physiology on the life zone complications which I am expected to elucidate.

Coulter is now giving two courses of botanical lectures before the Summer School at Berkeley. Yesterday we went over there by invitation of the Halls to meet the Coulters at lunch— had a good lunch + a good time.

Let us hear from you once in a while.

As ever yours,

[illegible]

Mr. Vernon Bailey,
Gardiner,
Montana.

July 16, 1915

Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson,
1974 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Pearson:

Last week I delivered the lectures you arranged for before the Summer School at the University. I spoke of the aims of the National Association of Audubon Societies, the good work it is doing, emphasizing the educational work, and distributed a considerable number of the circulars you sent. A few children and a larger number of adults spoke as if they would undertake to organize Junion Audubon Classes. Whether they do or not you will know in the near future.

The lectures were set for the evening instead of in the daytime, and the audience was rather different from the one I had expected - as a whole they wanted to be entertained rather than instructed. With this in view I modified my talks materially. A small percentage of the audience came to ask questions after the lecture and showed intelligent interest in the subject.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



July 16, 1915

Mr. E. Ingersoll,
1974 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Ingersoll:

Thanks for yours of the 7th inst. and for the slide which has just arrived in perfect condition.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

July 17, 1915

Dear Coulter:

Your schedule works out all right at our end of the line, and we shall be delighted to see you and Mrs. Coulter next Thursday afternoon to spend Friday with us, returning to San Francisco Saturday morning as early as you like.

There are two afternoon trains from San Francisco, one leaving Ferry Building at 3:45, the other at 5:45. The first reaches Lagunitas at 5:16, the second at 7:15.. Please let me know which you will take. In either case we will have supper after your arrival.

Assuming that you are not familiar with the way, the following directions may not come amiss. At Ferry Building take Sausalito ferry (on north side, next door beyond Key Route). This ferry lands you at Sausalito, where you will see the rear end of several trains drawn up in line . Behind one of these you will see a sign reading Manor. Take this, changing at Manor from the electric to a steam train which will bring you here. Some trains come through to Lagunitas without change, but I think both afternoon trains change at Manor. You might ask the brakeman to be sure.

It is good that we shall see you and Mrs. Coulter so soon.

With best wishes to you both from us all,

As ever yours,

E. Hall Harriman

Prof. John M. Coulter,
Cloyne Court,
Berkeley,
Calif.

July 17, 1915

John W. Mailliard Esq.,
300 Front St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

Thanks for yours of the 15th inst. I am very glad to know that the release has been recorded, and that there is no trouble about the title to the property I purchased here last fall.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. Hall Harriman

July 19, 1915

Mr. W. H. Spaulding,
Hawk Inlet,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 8th inst. just received. It seems that I made a very foolish blunder in my last letter to you. I had in mind Hawk Inlet, British Columbia, instead of your Hawk Inlet on Admiralty Island. I have myself described two species of big bears from Admiralty Island, but at the moment of writing forgot that there is a Hawk Inlet on this island.

I am very glad to secure for our National Museum the skulls you have already sent, and shall be pleased to purchase as many other bear skulls as you are able to get hold of during the present year. Shall I send you the money for these now, or wait until my return to Washington about the end of October?

As to skulls of other animals: I would give $2 each for four bucks and four does, and 50¢ to 75¢ each for 20 skulls of beavers, and the same for lynx, wolverine, and fisher.

Please label each skull with the locality where killed, so that there will be no possibility of confusing



island skulls with mainland skulls.

A few additional tags are enclosed herewith, and more will be supplied if you can use them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 19, 1915

Goodrich Rubber Company,
San Francisco,
Calif.

Dear Sirs:

About a week ago I sent you from Thayer Garage, San Rafael, a Silvertown Cord Tire (36 X 5) for repair. This is one of the set of five tires on which I crossed the continent from Washington, D. C. last year. It has had more wear than any of the other four, and I shall be obliged if you will put it in as good condition as possible, and return it to Thayer Garage, San Rafael, as early as practicable.

Kindly notify me of date of shipment.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Fenimore



July 19, 1915

Dear Lummis:

Yes, it's a long time since we have said "How", or for that matter since we have crossed ink. It is good to know that you are well and happy again.

That episode about the 'Dawn of the World' puzzles me. I sent you a copy when the book first appeared five years ago, so this must have been a misfire of some sort.

Los Angeles seems to have fallen out of my beat during the last few years, but next time I am there I will surely hunt you up. Amongst other things, I am curious to see your new Museum.

I am as usual at this season of the year, at work in my summer home at Lagunitas, north of Tamalpais. Am making a few trips afield, but am chiefly busy in trying to finish my long-drawn-out work on the big bears.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Fenimore

Charles F. Lummis
Los Angeles
Calif.

July 27, 1915

Mr. W. W. Nisbet,
12 South Broadway,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your catalogue No. 137 just received. From this catalogue I should be glad to purchase the following:

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| 2. | Condition of Mission Indians | .25 |
| 3. | " " Reservation " | .50 |
| 5. | Granting of lands to landless Indians | .40 |
| 6. | Indian Hostilities in Calif. | .20 |
| 7. | Indian Service in Calif. | .20 |
| 8. | Indians West of the Rocky Mts. | .40 |
| 10. | Letter from Secretary of Treas. | .20 |
| 11. | Memorial of No. Calif. Indian Assoc. | .75 |
| 12. | Mission Indians in Calif. | .30 |
| 13. | Moapa Indians | .50 |
| 15. | Relief of Certain Mission Indians | .40 |
| 16. | Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs | .75 |
| 17. | Survey of Walker River Reservation | .50 |

Very truly yours,

July 29, 1915

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Again the Fates are against me. We are expecting for this weekend Gilbert H. Grosvenor and wife and two daughters from Washington. Mr. Grosvenor is editor of the National Geographic Magazine and director of the society.

Then the whole of next week will be taken up with the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. During the week - exact date unknown - I am down for a talk on bears; on the 4th I am booked for the annual meeting and dinner of the Biological Society of the Pacific, and on the 7th I am to take an excursion of zoologists along the crest of Tamalpais and thence down to Muir Woods.

This lands us at Sunday the 8th, after which I would be free but for an impending visit of uncertain date. Mrs. E. H. Harriman has written me that she and her son will be here early in August, but did not mention a more exact date. You will understand of course that it will be impossible for me to get away until after her visit. I am likely to hear from her at any time, and will let you know just as soon as I learn anything more definite.





But I should feel very badly if you held back on our account any of your plans or arrangements for other friends. Please go ahead as if we were not coming and let me know what days you will have free after, say, the 9th. Meanwhile I will write you immediately on learning more definitely about Mrs. H.

Another thing: Please tell me whether you are counting on a camping trip with us or just a little visit at your place. In the latter case we might be able to work in the trip between times.

It was a pity you and your family had to hurry away the afternoon you called here. We are looking forward to better luck for next time.

Was in the city yesterday and got the skull of a fine adult grizzly from the Canadian Pacific Company - one I had been on the trail of for some time.

With love to you all from all of us,

As ever yours,

July 29, 1915

Mr. Andrew Braid, Acting Chairman,
Mr. Frank Bond, Acting Secretary,
Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter dated the 13th inst., and transmitting a copy of a Report to the President asking for an appropriation for the Board, has just reached me, and I have read the same with some care.

I quite agree with you in respect to the matter mentioned in your letter, and would add that in all matters involving a new appropriation it seems to me the wisest policy is to begin by asking for as small a sum as will suffice to make a beginning, and move ahead slowly. This opinion is based on some forty years of experience with Government matters, during twenty-five of which I was at the head of a Government Bureau.

In my judgment $6000, or at most $8000, would be amply sufficient for the first year, and would be less apt to incite opposition. A splendid beginning could be made in this way, and by letting it be understood that there was no intention of pushing for rapidly increasing appropriations, the chance of getting what we want would, I think, be much greater.





Referring to the Report, it occurs to me that it might be better to strike out at the end of the middle paragraph of page 2 the following words: "whose own departments or bureaus were willing to devote the necessary time to this purpose."

On page 4 the middle paragraph might be omitted to advantage, I think.

Very truly yours,

My address until the latter part of October will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

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July 29, 1915

Mrs. C. J. Hutchison,
3964 Ellis Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Hutchison:

Replying to your letter of the 20th inst., would say that your sister is correct in regard to a book on Alaska birds published by the Audubon Society.

If you will write Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson, Secretary of the National Association of Audubon Societies, 1974 Broadway, New York City, he will undoubtedly take pleasure in sending her a copy of the book in question.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

July 29, 1915

Brewster Transport Co.,
Banff,
Alberta.

Dear Sirs:

Referring to our correspondence conserning the skull of a grizzly bear which you had loaned to the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company for their exhibit at San Francisco, and subsequent letter addressed to Mr. R. E. Bruce in charge of the exhibit, asking him to turn the skull over to me in person, would state that yesterday I secured the skull, which I am very glad to have, although the basal part has been injured.

I have prepared a voucher for this skull amounting to $8.00, a check for which will be sent you by the Smithsonian Institution shortly. Should you obtain any more grizzly skulls, I would be very glad to purchase the same.

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam



Hudson Book Co.

25 West 42nd St., New York City

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| July 14 | Russell, O. Journal of a Trapper, or Nine Years in the Rocky Mts., 1834-1843 | 10 00 |
| | Buschmann, J. Die Spuren der Aztekischen Sprache im noerdlichen Mexiko | 7 50 |
| | Henry, A. Travels and Adventures in Canada. 1809 | 7 50 |
| | | $25 00 |

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C. Hart Merriam

July 31, 1915

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith is my expense account for July amounting to $19.93, together with a voucher to the Hudson Book Company for books amounting to $25.00, and one to the Brewster Transport Company for a grizzly bear skull amounting to $8.00, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



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Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

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| July 15 | Marsh & Co.- 6 rolls film; 1 autographic back for camera | 1 | 6 21 |
| " 15 | Isaac Upham Co.- Typewriter paper | 2 | 1 50 |
| " 20 | Paul Elder: Nature and Science on the Pacific coast | | 1 50 |
| " 20 | R.R. fare, Mill Valley to Mt. Tamalpais and return | | 1 50 |
| " 24 | R.R. fare, Mill Valley to West Point | | 90 |
| " 24 | Lunch 50¢. Supper 50¢ | | 1 00 |
| " 24 | Fare Muir Woods to Mill Valley | | 90 |
| " 26 | Expressage on books from Hudson Book Co., New York | | 1 22 |
| | Stamps and stamped envelopes | | 1 55 |
| | Janitor - Office apartment, Northumberland | | 1 00 |
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C. Hart Merriam

Brewster Transport Co.

Banff, Alberta, Canada

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August 10, 1915

Mr. Allen Sales,
Salesville,
Montana.

Dear Sir:

Vernon Bailey of the U. S. Biological Survey informs me that you have the skin and skull of a large grizzly killed on Sage Creek by Alexander Johnson, which you offered for sale at $20. I shall be glad to purchase the specimen at this price if you will kindly ship the same by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Enclosed are a few tags. Please attach one of these to the skin and another to the skull, and enter on each tag the locality and approximate date of killing, and also your own name. Please also write your own name on the upper left hand corner of the package so that when it reaches the Survey the man who unpacks it will know who it is from.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I shall be glad to purchase additional skulls of grizzlies if you obtain more.



August 10, 1915

Dear Mr. Pearson:

Replying to your letter of July 27 would state that as near as I can estimate without having actually counted the audience, the total number of persons present at my four lectures was about seven hundred.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson,
1974 Broadway,
New York City.

August 12, 1915

Dear Mr. Colby:

In cleaning out the drawers of my desk today I have found a circular relating to the Parsons Memorial Lodge, evidently sent me last year and mislaid between other papers.

I should be sorry to feel that I had not contributed to this Memorial in view of the enthusiastic service rendered the Club for many years by Mr. Parsons. My check for $20 is enclosed herewith, which I trust it will not be too late to make use of.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Mr. William E. Colby, Sec.,
Sierra Club,
Mills Bldg.,
San Francisco.



August 12, 1915

Dear Doctor Lucas:

We are much disappointed that we are not to see you here in the redwoods this season, but we shall hope for better luck another year.

Last week at the meeting of the A. A. A. S. I met Professor Osborn, and we traveled in company to the meeting at Stanford University.

Professor E. B. Wilson of Columbia, who has been enjoying poor health on a Wyoming ranch during the early part of the summer, is coming here this afternoon along with his wife and little girl. His wife, you may remember, was a daughter of our old friend Dr. Jerome Kidder.

In compliance with your request for data for your promiscuous bear group, I am enclosing an outline which you will amplify and modify of course to suit your purposes. It is mighty fine that your Museum has the material to exhibit a group showing these several color phases.

With best wishes to you all,

As ever yours,

Dr. Frederic A. Lucas, Director,
American Museum of Natural History,
New York City, New York.

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found her absent.

Let us know when it will be convenient for you to come and we will meet you at Lagunitas station. Come prepared to spend at least a couple of nights here, but don't bring city clothes. Unless the road construction work between here and Camp Taylor is in worse condition than usual, we will undertake to deliver you at Inverness.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. R. B. Marshall,
Inverness,
Calif.

August 12,

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Yesterday we learne
from Mr. Grosvenor that you had retur
from the Sierra trip, and are doubtl
somewhere in this general region -- I
I infer that you may be at Inverness
This morning I phoned to the Geologi
Survey office in San Francisco, but
they told me was that they were exp
ing you soon.

Mrs. Merriam and I expect
run up to Lake County on Saturday,
ing Monday night. Any time after t
should be mighty glad to see you an
Marshall and take you for some driv
which I think you will find of inte

We called on Mrs. Marsha
or three weeks ago, but unfortunate

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BLACK BEAR, URSUS AMERICANUS

Group showing color phases

The Black Bear is a forest animal, ranging across the continent from Newfoundland and the eastern states to California, and from the northern limit of tree growth in Alaska and Canada to Florida and northern Mexico.

Naturalists distinguish two or three species, differing mainly in peculiarities of the skull and teeth.

Black is the dominant color, but in some parts of the west the brown phase predominates. Black and brown cubs sometimes occur in the same litter, and brown cubs when molting sometimes change to black. A peculiar pale color phase known as the Glacier Bear inhabits the icy mountains of Southeastern Alaska between Copper River and Lynn Canal; and an albinistic phase, creamy white in color like the Polar Bear, occurs sparingly in the coast region of British Columbia.

that time a girl from Washington will be here visiting Zenaida, so rather than put it off any longer, Mrs. Merriam and I plan to start alone on Saturday morning for the drive to Clear Lake, expecting to reach you in time for supper. This will give us Sunday with you, when we shall have to hurry home.

Owing to the number of friends coming to the Exposition and visiting us incidentally, it seems impossible to take time for a field trip just now.

With love to you all.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
Lakeport,
Calif.

August 12, 1915

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Dear Dr. Stephens:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter of the 1st inst. Since it came I have been on the jump all the time. Was busy in Berkeley and Stanford during the meeting of the A. A. A. S. and on Saturday, the 7th, took an excursion of about forty zoologists and botanists from the top of Tamalpais to West Peak and thence down to Muir Woods over interesting trails. Returning from Mill Valley where I left the crowd, two people came home with me and others have been here since until last evening.

Today Professor E. B. Wilson of Columbia University, New York, comes with his wife and little girl, so that our first free day will be Saturday, the 14th. At

August 13, 1915

Dear VB:

It is a good while since I have written you, owing to the continuous visitations of friends from the East. Grosvenor and wife and two little girls were here two or three days ago, and Professor E. B. Wilson, zoologist, of Columbia, came with his wife and little girl yesterday and left this morning. Forrest Shreve and wife and L. O. Howard, and also Henshaw and Osgood were here last week.

I attended the recent meeting of the A. A. A. S. in the Bay cities and on Saturday, August 7, took an excursion of about forty zoologists and botanists to the top of Tamalpais by rail and walked thence westerly to West Peak and down to West Point, where we had lunch. After lunch we walked westerly along the Bolinas Bay Ridge to Boot Jack Trail and down the mountain to Muir Woods -- a great trip.

It was fine that you and Smith were permitted to carry guns in the Park, but it was a pity you did not gather in the skull of that brown bear. As an offset you did a good job in securing 19 topotypes of Myotis carissima. They will tickle Miller. Next time you find a grizzly asleep try lead on him instead of pine cones and send his skull on to Washington where it belongs.

Day before yesterday when driving the Grosvenors



to Inverness we ran across two deer on the road.

I wrote to Allen Sales of Salesville for that bear and hope we shall be able to rope it.

Tomorrow morning Elizabeth and I are going to set out for the northern part of Clear Lake to spend Sunday with Dr. Stephens, returning on Monday. The run is 125 miles going and about 150 returning if we come by way of Mt. St. Helena and Napa Valley, as I suppose we shall.

Florence has been an angel to Dorothy of late, as you have probably heard.

As ever yours,

Young Storer, one of Grinnell's assistants in the Berkeley Museum, asked me to ask you about your collecting pistol - what make it is, and whether it is worth anything. I told him I was pretty sure it is a .32 and shoots the same cartridges as your Anx but I did not know the brand.

August 13, 1915

Mr.T. E. Phillips,
Jack Wade,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of July 14.

There are no big Brown Bears in the interior of Alaska, but Grizzlies are common in the mountains of your region. We have in the National Museum the skin and skull of a Grizzly from the upper waters of Forty Mile Creek, a little north of your locality. These bears vary greatly in color so that it would not be surprising if hunters call some of them Brown Bears. The Black Bear also has a brown phase which however is more common in Southeastern Alaska than in your region. The bald face bear which you mention us usually an old grizzly in summer coat. In any case I shall be glad to purchase as many skulls as possible of the large bears from your region, and hope the trapper to whom you gave my previous letter will succeed in securing a number -- the more the better.

Bears of the coast are widely different from those of the interior and are much larger.

Each skull should be carefully labeled with the name of the collector, the locality where killed, approximate date, and sex when known. Some tags are enclosed herewith. Skulls may be sent either by parcel post or by express, and should be addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



August 13, 1915

Dear Doctor McGrew:

Your letter of the 5th inst. has just reached me, having been forwarded from Washington. In my book entitled "Mammals of the Adirondacks" I describe in detail the operation of removing the scent sacs from skunks. The operation on the young is very simple and almost sure to prove a success. I have had as many as ten alive at one time after removing the scent.

The obnoxious liquid is contained in two small sacs enclosed in a large gizzard-like muscular mass which surrounds the rectum. The sacs may be dissected out and removed by means of either two incisions one over each sac, or a single median incision. As a precaution it is well to ligate the long nipple-like ducts through which the scent is expelled, and which may be found in the margin of the anus. This prevents any accidental discharge which might prove highly inconvenient.

When the entire muscular mass is removed the resulting cicatricial tissue sometimes strangulates the rectum at this point, so that it may be better to dissect out the sacs separately, one on each side of the rectum.

Wishing you success,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

F. R. McGrew, M.D.
101 Main St.
Carnegie, Pa.

August 19, 1915

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

On returning from an auto trip in Lake County I found your letter of the 15th enclosing a telegram for Henshaw, which I have forwarded to him.

About that relief map: I do not remember about the coloring and had intended to look at it when in Berkeley, but in the rush of other matters forgot it. However, I will try to go over in the near future. At the same time I feel that you have been over a good deal of the country so much more recently than I that you would be better able to make any necessary corrections.

Many thanks for your kind expressions about our excursion to Tamalpais. I am very glad the thing proved a success, and am pleased to know that so many stayed over to see the redwoods in Muir Woods. I was very sorry to be obliged to rush off on the first train, but otherwise could not have reached home until after dark.

Professor and Mrs. Forrest Shreve came home with me and the next day we had a fine drive to Inverness and thence to San Rafael by way of Nicasio and Gallinas valleys.

I wish to thank you for your kindness in staying over at Muir Woods in order to explain things to those who remained.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



August 19, 1915

Mr. Andrew Berg,
Kenai,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Have you any skulls of grizzly or big brown bears from the Kenai or from other parts of Alaska? If so I shall be glad to pay good prices for the same, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition, from $4 each for young skulls, up to $10 or $15 for adult females, and $20 or even $25 for good old males.

Each skull should be labeled with the locality where killed and your own name, and also with the sex and approximate date if known. A few tags are enclosed herewith.

In case you have any skulls on hand or can purchase any, please ship the same by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 19, 1915

Mr. E. J. Hamacher,
White Horse,
Yukon Territory,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 29 has been forwarded to me from the Biological Survey.

In reply to your inquiries would state that I am glad to purchase skulls of grizzly bears whether perfect or not, the price depending on the age and condition of the skull. Skulls without lower jaw will be accepted, but of course are not worth so much as those with the jaws and teeth complete.

Bullet holes, if small, make no difference in the price, but badly damaged skulls are of course worth less than prefect skulls. I shall be glad to purchase all the skulls of grizzly bears which you are able to secure and will pay the highest price for same, according to age, sex, and condition.

The sex should not be stated on the label unless it is positively known. In the case of adult skulls I can always tell the sex from the skull, but in the case of young skulls this is sometimes impracticable.

All packages of skulls should be addressed: U.S.





Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Some tags are enclosed herewith.

I expect to return to Washington in October, but skulls reaching the Biological Survey at any time will be cared for until my return.

Respectfully,

E. A. Goldman

August 19, 1915

Dear Henry:

On returning from Clear Lake night before last we learned that you had been here in our absence. Too bad we missed you.

Joe Grinnell sent me the enclosed telegram for you, which he has been holding several days, thinking you might show up at the Museum. I tried to reach you by phone yesterday but failed.

We lunched with Mrs. Harriman at the Fairmont yesterday and were with her when her son Roland arrived with his party from the Sultana. They are now going to their ranch in Idaho.

Two of the Washington high school teachers, Miss Stutz and Miss Wallace, spent last night with us and will return to the city this afternoon.

On our trip to Lake County we saw a number of deer and in one place passed two spotted fawns standing knee deep in a shady stream -- a mighty pretty sight. The heat in Lake County at this time of year is something one can do without.

If you are in this part of the State later on, let us know.

As ever yours,

Mr. Henry W. Henshaw,
Fruitvale,
Alameda Co,
Calif.
c-o Mrs. Nellie Weatherbee

August 19, 1915

Chevrolet Motor Co.
Flint, Mich.

Dear Sirs:

Another set of ball bearings has gone to pieces on one of the front wheels of my Chevrolet Big Six #178. I shall be obliged therefore if you will send me two complete sets of balls, cups, and cones, one for each front wheel. Please send by parcel post with bill, addressed to Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Three days ago another rear axle broke on this car. I had it welded by a country blacksmith and the car seems to run all right at the present time.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.



August 19, 1915

Mr. A. H. Twitchell,
Bethel,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter has been forwarded to me from Washington. I shall be glad to purchase all the bear skulls you can obtain during the present year and the spring of next year -- say up to and including July 1916.

Some tags are enclosed herewith. Please be careful to state on each label whether the bear came from the upper, middle, or lower part of the river.

It is all right to ship packages to the Biological Survey under Government frank.

I expect to return to Washington in October.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 19, 1915

Mr. Louis Bell,
Seward,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of July 20, which has been forwarded to me from Washington. I am glad to know where those bears were killed. I am also glad to know that you have some other skulls to send in the near future. Please send the skull with the gnawed underjaw. We shall be glad to have it anyway.

As to other skulls: I can take a number of lynx, wolverine, fisher, and big red fox at $1 each for perfect adult skulls (less of course for imperfect and young skulls), and will pay $2 each for skulls of adult wolves.

Some tags are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



August 19, 1915

Mr. George Bell,
Hope, Cook Inlet,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter which has just been forwarded me from Washington, I will state that the prices offered in my former letter for skulls of grizzlies and big brown bears will hold good until the end of the year. I shall be glad to receive all the skulls you can send.

Some tags are enclosed herewith.

All packages should be addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. I expect to return to Washington in October.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Original Defective

August 20, 1915

Dr. A. K. Fisher,
In charge, Economic Investigations,
U. S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Fisher:

Many thanks for the two mole traps which I have just received. They are not the kind illustrated in one of the publications of your Division to which I referred, but are much stronger and heavier. I will try them and report results later.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Original Defective

August 21, 1915

Dear Dr. Stephens:

We were mighty thankful that Mrs. Stephens put out such a satisfactory breakfast, as we did not have another chance to eat until after one o'clock. From your place to the Pieta Grade toll-house we made excellent time, arriving within sight of the toll-house at 7:30, exactly two hours after saying good-bye to you. But here our good luck suddenly evaporated, and Susie refused to move. I diagnosed the case as a broken axle, which proved to be correct.

Fortunately we were close to the toll-house, where there is a telephone. I called up the Cloverdale Garage, and the proprietor, George F. Warren, came for us in his car and towed us over the summit, from which point Susie coasted down to the bridge by the red barn at the forks where the Hopland road comes in. Here he hitched on and hauled us ignominiously to Hopland, where, before going to lunch, he insisted on taking out the axle to make sure what the trouble was. Being a good blacksmith himself, he welded on a piece of a wagon axle, punched a hole through the hub plate to hold the square end, and we came along the rest of the way as if nothing had happened.

You and Dr. Reynolds and the Rodmans may be





interested to know that the state highway from Hopland to Cloverdale is finished all but the oil surfacing, and is a wonderfully fine road -- broad, with good grades, and traversing an attractive country. It is seven miles longer than the narrow road on the east side of the river, but avoids its dangerous bridges and tumbled-down sluices.

The next day after reaching home we went to the city and lunched with Mrs. Harriman and her son Roland and youngest daughter. Roland arrived from Panama on their steam yacht Sultana while we were there.

Before returning we found two of our Washington high school teachers to whom both Dorothy and Zenaida had gone to school. We brought them home with us and drove them back to San Rafael next day, whence they set out for Yosemite.

It was good to see you all in your unique summer home in that wonderful forest of sequoia, the like of which is not. And those giant black oaks will be long remembered. It is really strange that your point should possess such striking features which are not to be found on other parts of the lake.

Unhappily my photographs were almost failures, owing to under exposure. This was due to my neglect in not wearing my bifocals, as a consequence of which I used the 1-50 and 1-15, instead of the 1-15 and 1-5. However,

they serve as reminders, and I will send you duplicate prints of the few that are worth saving.

The heat of Lake County is in striking contrast to the temperature here, our hottest today being 74°. But this is a day of high fog, the first we have had since the 4th of July and the second since the 26th of May. Yesterday the thermometer reached 74° and the day before 69°.

We hope that Stuart is himself again, and that the poison oak victim has recovered. It occurs to me that if she is hypersensitive to the poison, she might on hot days be affected by the plants growing near by. I have known cases of this kind.

We often think of the two nights we spent in the balmy air in that most comfortable tent of yours -- an ideal place in such a climate.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in kindest regards to you all, not forgetting Mrs. West and all the children.

As ever yours,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
Lakeport,
Calif.



August 24, 1915

Dear Miss Clemence:

Thanks for your letter of some time ago, telling me of your plans so far as you could at that time.

Be sure to take all the vacation you want, so as to be good and rested before you tackle our work. If you decide that you would like to work for a couple of weeks or a month in the Providence Libraries, let me know long enough in advance so that I may write you what is needed in the way of book work. In case you do this, it would be better to begin either on the first or the middle of the month.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Miss Stella R. Clemence,
American Museum,
New York City.

Original Defective

August 24, 1915

Mr. Ernest Kirberg,
Kake Trading & Packing Co.
Kake, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 13 in relation to bear skulls, and addressed to the Biological Survey, has been forwarded to me here in California, where I expect to remain until late in October.

I shall be glad to purchase at good prices the brown bear skulls you mention, male and female, and any others which you may be able to secure during the present year. Please let me know where these bears were killed, whether on Kupreanof Island or on the mainland, and if on the mainland, where.

Please pack the skulls securely and send by express, addressed; U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. On examining the skulls on my return to Washington I will see that a check for the amount is sent you promptly.

Respectfully,



August 24, 1915

Dear Arch:

Do not imagine that my delay in replying to your letter from Milford is due to lack of interest. The trouble is, we have been so swamped with company in addition to our own absences, that we are way behind in everything, and I still have on hand a shamefully thick batch of unanswered letters.

We are delighted to know that you have a car so that you and Mrs. Arch are able to see a little honest sage brush in addition to the labor attending your more localized duties.

We hope that ere this you have corked that dam leak.

We have recently returned from a 275-mile trip up to the head of Clear Lake in Lake County.

The garage roof is still under advisement. I have consulted the Johns-Manville Co. who make some kind of a combination asbestos-asphalt roof stuff, but they want me to put on a galvanized gutter bottomside up over the rim to hold it on -- which I don't propose to do. I am also corresponding with the Truscon Laboratories people at Detroit, concerning a "Stone-Tex" dope which they put on cement work for waterproofing. The main trouble is that the worthless stuff we painted it with last fall is ex-

tremely difficult to remove. I have scraped off a lot of it with a hoe, but the rest won't come, and it ought all to be cleaned off before the new material is put on so it may combine properly with the cement.

No, we are not intending to motor back to Washington this fall, but shall leave the car at San Rafael as we did last winter. We broke another rear axle last week on the Pista Grade across the Niyakma Range, but in spite of this we were able to coast down about eight miles to Russian River, beyond which we had to be hauled to the nearest blacksmith, where a temporary job of welding was done so satisfactorily that we were able to drive home on our own power.

We are interested in your plan to make an auto trip to the Grand Canyon. When you come back, let us know what luck you have had. The region is wonderful but unless the roads are quite different from any known to me in that part of the world, I shall be sorry for the car.

But the news in your letter which interests us most is that you have decided to transfer your base to California. That is good news. Should you care to hold down the Merriam ranch another winter, it will be at your disposal -- only we shall have to make some different arrangement about the wood. I have thought of several plans





but there is no use in taking up this detail until we know that you are coming. If you are coming, we will concentrate on the wood problem. We expect to be here until the end of October.

With love to you both, in which Elizabeth and Zenaida join,

As ever yours,

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert,
Milford,
Utah

August 24, 1915

Dear Nelson:

This is intended to be a collective acknowledgment with proper thanks for your several letters heretofore unacknowledged, notifying me of the receipt of bear skulls from various points in Alaska, British Columbia, and Montana.

We are now sending out some 150 more letters to points in Yukon and British Columbia, from which a few additional returns may be expected. I am wiring you also for more tags, as those last sent are exhausted. If I had some penalty envelopes a good deal of unnecessary postage on these bear letters might be saved.

Henshaw was here a while ago, and looking well. The telegram you sent him care of Joseph Grinnell was held by Grinnell several days, and then forwarded to me by mail and reforwarded by me to the only Henshaw address we knew anything about.

In an auto trip to Lake County last week I learned of a skull of a grizzly killed some time ago on Clear Lake, and have hopes of rounding up the skull. The locality is important. It is hot and dry, and I suspect that the bear is the same as the Sacramento Valley species.

I have decided to purchase the grizzly bear





skins with skulls inside from R. S. Sargent of Hazelton, B. C., described in your letter of the 18th inst. So please have the skins attended to, and properly entered in the collection.

About the time you receive this you will be packing your grip for the West, I trust. Keep me informed as to your address, and let me know about what time you will be in this region, so that there may be no possibility of a deserted ranch at that time.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Mr. E. W. Nelson,
U. S. Biological Survey,
Dept. of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

August 24, 1915

Dear GK:

Yes, we were in the midst of the A. A. A. S. and its aftermath when your letter of the 8th arrived. I gave a talk on the Big Bears at Berkeley and went to Stanford for one day with the crowd. Elizabeth and Zenaida came over to the tea given by the faculty under the big live oaks in the shade of the Faculty Club. On Saturday, the 7th, I took an excursion of about forty zoologists and botanists to the Tamalpais Tavern, and walked westerly to the apex of West Peak, and down to West Point, where we had lunch. After lunch we footed it along the Bolinas-Willow Point Road to Boot Jack, and thence down the various trails to Muir Woods - a fine trip and one much appreciated by the company.

I left Susie at Mill Valley and brought home with me in the evening Professor and Mrs. Forrest Shreve from the Tucson Botanical Laboratories. John M. Coulter and wife spent a couple of days with us; also Prof. E. B. Wilson of Columbia with his wife and little girl, and Dr. L. O. Howard, Henshaw and Osgood; then the Grosvenors (Gilbert H. and wife and two little girls) to whom we showed about 100 miles of Marin County scenery, in which they were greatly interested. Grosvenor had just returned from the High Sierra, where he had been with the Dept. of Interior party from Mt. Whitney to Tuolumne Meadows. Mrs. Grosvenor met him in Tuolumne





Meadows, having gone there from Crockers by automobile.

Colby told me yesterday that about a dozen automobiles reach Tuolumne Meadows daily, and that the grade up from Mono Lake over the Tioga Road is better than the grade on the west side -- all of which seems unbelievable.

Last week Elizabeth and I motored to Clear Lake where we spent a couple of nights with Dr. W.B.Stephens at his tropical summer home in a forest of huge manzanitas. On the way back one of our rear axles broke close to the summit of the Pieta Grade across the Mayacma Range between Hopland and Lower Lake. Fortunately there was a phone at the summit toll-house so that we were not delayed very long. Susie, in spite of her wounded condition, was able to coast down the west slope to Russian River -- about eight miles.-- from which point we were towed to Hopland, where a capable blacksmith welded to our broken axle a piece of a wagon axle, enabling us to drive home on our own power. Yesterday we drove into the city and left the car for a new axle.

Thanks for the Gila monster clipping which, if true, is interesting.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

Mr. G. K. Gilbert,
Jackson,
Mich.

206 N. East Ave.

August 25, 1915

Mr. McKee,
Blairsden,
Plumas Co.,
Calif.

Dear Sir:

Professor Kofoid of the University of California states that while visiting Salmon Lake recently, you told him that you believed grizzly bears were recently to be found in that region.

I am particularly anxious to secure as many skulls as possible of grizzly bears from all parts of California, and would be willing to pay a rather long price for a grizzly skull from Plumas County. Do you know any hunters who might be able to obtain one or more specimens? or do you know of the existence of any skulls anywhere? Any information on the subject will be thankfully received.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



August 25, 1915

Dear Nelson:

Charles McConnel of Robinson, Yukon Territory, writes that he has on hand some good skulls of goat, sheep, and moose all ready to ship. If you want anything of this sort you had better write him direct.

And C. L. Steinhauser writes from Unalakleet, Alaska, that he has on hand a set of exceptionally large caribou horns which he will ship the Biological Survey if wanted.

Should be glad to know if any additional bear skulls have been received; also whether Capatin Hubrick sent two or three skulls. Are these skulls labeled for locality?

Hastily yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. E. W. Nelson,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

August 25, 1915

My dear Mr. Storer:

Many thanks for your kindness in telling me about the rumor of existing grizzlies in Plumas County. I am writing to Mr. McKee at Blairsden by this mail, and will let you know if I get hold of anything tangible.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Tracy I. Storer,
Asst. Curator of Birds,
Mus. of Vertebrate Zoology,
Berkeley, Calif.



August 25, 1915

Mr. Charles McConnel,
Robinson,
Yukon Terr.,
Canada.

Dear Sir:

Your letter was forwarded to me from the Biological Survey some time ago. I am glad to know that you expect to obtain some skulls of grizzly bears during the present fall. I shall be glad to purchase all you can get hold of, and will pay good prices for the same, as stated in my former letter.

Single skulls if well wrapped may be sent by parcel post, but when several are sent together, it is better to ship by express, charges collect. All packages should be addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

August 25, 1915

Superintendent of Documents,
Government Printing Office,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am anxious to obtain two copies of Senate Document #31, 58th Congress, 2nd Session, the same being a Memorial of the Northern California Indian Association, 1904. If you will kindly inform me of the price of two copies of this document I will remit at once.

Respectfully,



August 25, 1915

Nagel-Chase Mfg. Co.,
174 East Erie St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:

Please send circular relating to your lamp which burns kerosene gas.

The $3 Firefly watch which I purchased of you some time ago is beautifully luminous, but has never run more than a few hours at a time, and the watch tinkers say the trouble is fundamental, due to some flaw in construction.

Respectfully,

August 25, 1915

Mr. M. P. Fleischman,
Rampart,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter about bears, which has been forwarded to me from the Biological Survey at Washington.

You said that there are no grizzly bears in your neighborhood, but surely grizzlies inhabit the mountains on both sides of the Yukon, and are said to be fairly common in the mountains south of Rampart. It occured to me that there might be hunters, Indians or white, in your neighborhood whom you could persuade to bring in such skulls. If so I should be glad to purchase them.

You mention brown bear. Do you mean the brown phase of the common black bear or the [illegible] bear? If you refer to the large brown bear, I should be glad to purchase as many skulls of it as you can secure.

In case you obtain any skulls, please pack securely and ship either by parcel post or express, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

I expect to return to Washington in October.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam



August 25, 1915

Rashl & Nielsen,
Iliamna,
Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Your letter about the bear skulls was late in reaching me, having been forwarded from Washington.

I am informed that the three skulls arrived in good condition. For these I have sent in a voucher amounting to $54 ($22 each for the two big male skulls, $10 for the female). A check for this amount will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian Institution about the first of September.

I shall be glad to purchase any additional skulls you may be able to secure during the remainder of the present year.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I expect to return to Washington in October.

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August 25, 1915

Mr. Ernest P. Walker,
Wrangell,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The two bear skulls which you sent the Biological Survey at my request in June, arrived in good condition. A voucher for these, amounting to $23 ($20 for the brown and $3 for the black) has been turned in, and a check for the amount will be sent you from my fund in the Smithsonian Institution about the first of September.

Should you obtain any more skulls of bears, particularly big brown or grizzly bears, I shall be very glad to purchase the same.

I expect to return to Washington in October.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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August 25, 1915

Mr. R. S. Sargent,
Hazelton,
B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 17 has been forwarded to me from the Biological Survey at Washington, along with a statement that three skins of grizzlies with skulls inside had recently been received from you.

I am not in the market for bear skins, but inasmuch as you have sent these, I will keep them for the Museum, and have made out a voucher for $60, the amount you mention. A check for this amount will be sent you from my fund in the Smithsonian Institution about the first of September.

Should you obtain any more skulls of grizzly bears I would be glad to purchase the same.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 25, 1915

Mr. Jack Francis,
c-o Diamond Bar Ranch,
Silver City,
New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

E. W. Nelson of the Biological Survey informs me that you are a bear hunter and that he thinks you have some bear skulls on hand. I am anxious to secure as many skulls as possible of grizzly bears from Arizona, New Mexico, Southern Utah, and Southern Colorado, and will pay good prices for the same, according to sex, age, and condition, the price varying from $4 for young bears, up to $10 for good adult females, and $20 or even $25 for adult males in perfect condition. These prices apply to grizzlies labeled for the locality where killed. Each skull should be tagged with a label stating the locality where killed, the sex if known, approximate date, and your own name.

For black and cinnamon bears, mountain lions, and big wolves, I will pay $2 to $4 each according to sex, age, and condition. Single skulls, if carefully packed, may be sent by parcel post, but in case a number are shipped at one time, it is better to send by express, charges collect. Each skull should be separately wrapped in paper or gunny-sacking, and the lot packed in a box. All packages should be addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. and your own name and address should be written on the outside of the package.

Very truly yours,

Original Defective

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August 28, 1915

Dear Osgood:

Thanks for your letter of the 22nd inst., and for the copy you were good enough to send me of your Fur Seal Report, both of which reached me last evening.

I fully appreciate your agreeable sensations when you took your first drive in your Artful Dodger on returning to Chicago. I have several times enjoyed the same kind of a thrill. Yesterday and the day before I steered Susie through the congested streets of San Francisco -- another kind of a thrill.

Last week Mrs. Merriam and I made an auto trip to Clear Lake, and were thankful that we live nearer the edge of the coast fogs. The prettiest sight we saw was a couple of spotted fawns standing knee-deep in a small stream during the heat of the day.

Your Seal Report looks mighty interesting, and I shall go over it at the first opportunity. You are to be congratulated on having it come out in such good form.

Yes, the Tamalpais excursion was a decided success. We had about forty zoologists and botanists, and most of them expressed themselves as delighted.

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It surely was a good thing that you were able to make that week-end visit at Los Gatos. I have never had any doubt as to your outlook in the Museum, but what you tell me about the prospect in the way of future income is certainly a surprise, and also a great joy. You are to be congratulated.

It was good that we could have you here even for so short a visit. We shall hope for better luck next time, and will try to see you in Chicago on our way home.

With best wishes from us all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Wilfred H. Osgood,
Field Museum of Natural History,
Chicago, Ill.

August 30, 1915

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant, Smithsonian Inst.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith is my expense account for August amounting to $69.75, and two vouchers for bear skulls (Ernest P. Walker, Wrangell, Alaska, $23.00; R. S. Sargent, Hazelton, British Columbia, $60.00), which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Harriman



August 28, 1915

Dear Mr. Storer:

Thanks for your letter of the 26th inst., giving me the addresses of persons from whom it may be possible to obtain skulls of grizzly bears. I am writing to them all by this mail.

When I get back to Washington I shall be most happy to send you such separates of my papers as still remain on hand. Here at Lagunitas we have none.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. H. Harriman

Mr. Tracy I. Storer,
Asst. Curator of Birds,
Mus. of Vertebrate Zoology,
Berkeley, Calif.

August 28, 1915

Mr. Donald Phillips,
Jasper,
Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Can you obtain any skulls of grizzly bears from your region? If so I shall be glad to pay good prices for the same, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition, from $4 each for young skulls, up to $10 for adult females, and $15 or $20 for good old males.

Each skull should be labeled with the locality where killed and your own name, and also with the sex and approximate date if known. A few tags are enclosed herewith.

In case you have any skulls on hand or can purchase any, please wrap carefully and ship by parcel post or express, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



August 28, 1915

Otto Brothers,
Jasper,
Alberta.

Dear Sirs:

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August 28, 1915

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233 Main St.,
Winnipeg.
Canada.

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Very truly yours,

August 28, 1915

Mr. R. C. W. Lett,
Grand Trunk Pacific,
Winnipeg,
Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

For some years past I have been gathering material for a monographic work on bears of North America, but it has been extremely difficult to secure enough skulls of grizzlies to admit of mapping the ranges of the various species. Nevertheless we have succeeded in obtaining about 500 skulls of big bears from various parts of Alaska, British Columbia, and the western United States, all of which are now in our National Museum at Washington.

Recently I have been told that you are likely to be in a position to help in securing additional skulls. If you happen to know any bear hunters or others who have skulls on hand, I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly put me in communication with them. The price paid for grizzly skulls varies according to age, sex, and condition from $4 each for young skulls, up to $10 for adult females, and $15 or $20 for good old males. If you can assist me in this matter I shall be very greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif. will be my address until late October; after October, Washington, D. C.



August 28, 1915

Dear Sheldon:

The enclosed letter from Fairbanks reached me last evening. Is the sheep head referred to of special interest?

Since coming to California I have written to practically all the postmasters in Alaska and Yukon, and to about one hundred of those in British Columbia, in the hope of securing additional skulls. As a result some thirty-two skulls had been received when I last heard from Washington, among them fourteen of grizzlies and big brown bears. Besides the above, I have letters stating that other skulls are on the way or about to be shipped. Of these, the batch to which I am looking forward with keenest interest is one from Yakutat Bay, said to contain three big skulls from the south and east sides of Yakutat and Disenchantment Bays. I am hoping that one of these will turn out to be an adult male of Ursus nortoni -- which up to date has not been seen.

How have you and Mrs. Sheldon been during the summer? We trust that you and the children have been free from sickness of any kind.

Owing to the Exposition we have had more than the usual number of visitors -- nearly forty so far, I be-

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lieve. Osgood was here for a single night. He is looking splendidly.

Last week Mrs. Merriam and I made a motor trip up into the hot country in Lake County, where we hit the trail of an old grizzly skull, which we hope to round up.

With love to you all, in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles Sheldon,
Woodstock,
Vermont.

September 1, 1915

Dear Mrs. Hall:

Here is a bit of a fern-like thing which grows in clumps in some of our canyons. Do you happen to know what it is? If so I shall be greatly obliged if you will tell me.

The only auto trip of any length that we have indulged in lately was one which Mrs. M. and I took a week or ten days ago to Clear Lake. It was fearfully hot over there, and we were glad to get back to the coast belt.

Zenaida's Washington school chum, Dorothy Trout by name, has recently arrived, and will be with us for some time.

Trusting that you and Professor Hall will make this your headquarters for at least a few days when the botany of this particular district is ripe for your work,

Very truly yours,

E. Mark Hillman

Mrs. H. M. Hall,
1615 La Loma Ave.,
Berkeley,
Calif.



September 1, 1915

Hudson Book Co.,
25 West 42nd St.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your advance list No. 35 just received. If you are willing to send me on approval some of the publications mentioned, with the privilege of returning at my expense those not wanted, I should be glad to have you send the following, all under your general heading 'Early West':

Benjamin, J. Reise im Innern von Calif. 1862
Documents from the Sutro Collection. 1891
Gilliam, A. Travels over the Cordilleras 1846
Hartley, C. Hunting Sports of the West 1859
Julian Mines 1873
Watson, H. C. Thrilling Adventures of Hunters. '55

Very truly yours,

E. Mark Hillman

September 2, 1915

Mr. E. M. Axelson,
Yakutat,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst. arrived duly, and I have just learned from Washington that the four skulls you shipped the Biological Survey ( 3 browns and 1 black) have reached there safely, although the arched cheek-bone is broken on one side on two of them.

Without having seen these skulls myself it is hard to put a value on them. But if you prefer to be paid before my return, about the end of October, I will take them at the following prices: Black bear $3; 2 medium brown bears at $12 each; the big male brown $25, making in all $52.

I hope you will succeed in obtaining additional skulls, as I am anxious to secure as many as possible from the Yakutat region. You will of course label each one with the locality where killed. A few tags are sent herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



September 2, 1915

Dear Nelson:

Thanks for yours of August 27, telling me about the receipt of two more batches of bear skulls, one from Louis Bell of Seward, Alaska, the other from E. M. Axelson of Yakutat, Alaska.

You say nothing about the condition of the skulls from Louis Bell, and state that he sent three skulls of brown bears and two of blacks. In his letter he states that he shipped three browns and three blacks. Are all of these skulls labeled for locality?

In trying to make out pay vouchers for the various batches of skulls received, I find the data furnished in your letters insufficient in most cases to justify fixing a price. In some cases however the condition is mentioned; but hardly ever is anything said about the data on the labels.

Many thanks for the batch of labels which have just arrived and were badly needed.

Since you are silent on the matter of leaving Washington, I am venturing to send this to the home base.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. E. W. Nelson,
U. S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

September 4, 1915

Dear Mr. Barnes:

When in the city yesterday I was told that you had not yet arrived but were expected in the near future.

Please let me know when it will be convenient for you to come up here, and I will arrange to meet you either in the city or at San Rafael. This is an attractive country even during the dry period, and I am sure you will enjoy a little visit here.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Will C. Barnes,
Forest Service,
San Francisco,
Calif.

September 6, 1915

Dear Mrs. Hall:

Many thanks for your reply to my inquiry about the curious little fern. I am glad to know that it is Pellaea densa -- a species new to me.

As a reward for faithful watering, our Polypodys are now in the height of their glory on the rock walls, and new ones are coming up every day. Come and see them.

With best wishes to you both,

Very truly yours,

E. Walt Sturtevant

Mrs. H. M. Hall,
1615 La Loma Ave.,
Berkeley, Calif.



September 6, 1915

Mr. N. W. Dorsey,
Acting Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Your letter of August 30 transmitting a new form of lease for my office apartment in the Northumberland from the Washington Loan and Trust Company, has just arrived along with the rent bill for September.

I have approved the rent bill and have signed the lease after having made one or two slight alterations, as you will observe. The awnings and curtains have always been furnished by the house, as usual in such cases, and are their property. I fail to see any reason why I should be called upon to pay for them.

Very truly yours,

E. Walt Sturtevant

September 6, 1915

Dear Dr. Stephens:

Here are a few prints of the wonderful giant manzanitas and oaks of your Clear Lake home -- the only ones that had enough exposure to amount to anything. The one of the huge manzanita with you standing under, is a prize, but the others are not of much account. I never fully realized how tall you are until I saw you alongside the blue oak!

I suppose you are back at the old grind but hope that you will not be so closely confined by serious cases as you were awhile ago.

A week or ten days ago I took the car into the city to have the new axles fitted. They were made a little larger than the old ones, and are of chrome-nickel steel. The new battery works to perfection, and so the old crank has gone again into retirement.

The roads this way are in the worst condition I have ever known them since we came to Lagunitas, the new road-building from Tocaloma to Lagunitas being very hard on the tires; and just now the road in front of the station and thence easterly is plowed up and seven gangs of teams are pushing on toward White's Hill.





I fear this will cut us off from our normal base of supplies at San Rafael.

I expect to go to the city within a few days and will call at your office.

With love to you all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
Central Block,
Alameda,
Calif.

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September 7, 1915

Mr. W. W. Nisbet,
12 South Broadway,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your List #148 just received. From it I should like to order the following:

1. Indians of Calif. 7 printed documents. $1.25
2. Modoc War. Message from the President. 1.25
3. Pay to Settlers for Improvements Rnd.Val. .20
4. Powers, Stephen. Tribes of Calif. 3.25
5. Relief of Certain Mission Indians in Cal .30
6. Round Valley Indian Reservation .40
7. Carson City Indian School .25

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Very truly yours,

September 7, 1915

Dr. Cyrus C. Adams,
Editor, American Geographic Magazine,
Broadway & 156th St.,
New York City.

Dear Doctor Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing the promised review of Dall's biography of Professor Baird, and by the same mail am returning the book insured.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

# SPENCER F. BAIRD [1]

Professor Baird's influence on geography was indirect, but none the less important. He was primarily a naturalist, and with the necessities and instincts of a naturalist was obliged to take account of geographic features and their effect on the distribution of animals and plants. It is not surprising therefore to find his name among those of the early writers on geographic distribution in America, and to discover geographic information of value in his contributions to the natural history of the Mexican Boundary Survey and in the great volumes on mammals and birds which he contributed to the series of Transcontinental Railway Surveys in 185[illegible] and 1858. His painstaking chapter on localities visited by Government expeditions in the early fifties in what was then the far west has been a blessing to subsequent workers.

But Baird's service to geography is not to be measured by his own publications, but rather by those of the score of naturalists, geologists, and explorers who owed their appointment to his recommendation, and whose routes and observations were largely based upon his advice. And it is well known that for a quarter of a century, beginning in 1850, no man was more influential in determining the field, scope, and personnel of scientific exploration in the

[1] Published in The Geographical Review Vol. 1, No. 3, 247, March 1916.





United States and Alaska.

Baird was a kindly man, always extending a helpful hand to young men interested in the natural sciences. Those of us who had the good fortune to come under his guidance when still undecided as to the future, think of him with gratitude and affection. He was a wise counselor, and so modest, sincere, and honest that he held, perhaps longer than any other scientific man, the confidence and esteem of Congress.

We live in a period of such acute personal interests and such rapid personal successions that the son hardly has time to take account of his father's achievements, and few of the younger naturalists and geographers stop to think of the status of their sciences a generation ago, or of the difficulties and meager resources of those who laid the foundations for the work on which they are engaged. Few today realize the extent and comprehensiveness of Baird's contributions to the zoology of North America, and only a few of the younger men are aware of the prodigousness of the task he set for himself --the preparation of monographic revisions, based on the study of new material, of the mammals, birds, reptiles, batrachians, and fishes of the North American continent.

It was Baird's lot when entering the prime of life to be called to a high administrative position, -- the

Assistant Secretaryship -- followed later by the Secretaryship -- of the Smithsonian Institution, in connection with which, and with his later creations the National Museum and the U. S. Fish Commission, he became so overburdened with public and administrative duties that little time was left for scientific research. Nevertheless his monumental works on mammals and birds were written at odd moments during this trying period.

When Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries he planned and was the means of carrying out elaborate investigations not only of the natural history of aquatic animals, but of the waters themselves, including the topography of ocean bottoms and the effects of ocean temperatures on the distribution of aquatic animals.

Baird's greatest mistake -- evidently due to the entreaties of relatives -- was in declining Audubon's urgent and repeated invitation to accompany him in 1843 on his expedition to the then remote Yellowstone River.

By great good fortune the materials for Baird's biography were placed in the hands of Dr. William H. Dall, for many years an associate and intimate friend. Many letters are given, often introduced and tied together by enlightening remarks, indicating the wide scope of Baird's interests and activities, and showing his relations with Audubon, Agassiz, Henry, Kennicott, Leidy, George P. Marsh,





Admiral Farragut, Elisha Kent Kane, and other prominent men of the time.

In reading the volume one is impress with the feeling that Baird's life was in the main a rather monotonous, albeit successful, struggle to increase the scope and output of scientific research in America, and to dignify the position of science in the councils of the Government. And one closes the book with a sense of gratitude to the author and of admiration for the great man whose inspiring example, whose helpfulness to others, and whose energy and patient perseverance accomplisht so much for mankind.

September 7, 1915

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

By this time you will have reached home, I take it, and will be so overwhelmed with work of various kinds that memories of your recent splendid trip to the Pacific coast will have little time in which to assert themselves. However, you have accomplished a most remarkable journey, and have seen in a single season as much of the coast country as I was able to cover in a number of years.

We were pleased to learn that your night on Mt. Tamalpais proved so satisfying. You astonished us by saying that you were all up at 4:30 in the morning to see the sun appear. We were glad that you saw the fog roll in, and that you were able to look down upon it as one does from Tamalpais, with the high points of land emerging like islands in a sea.

We were pleased also that you carried away pleasant memories of Marin County, including our little home on the ridge at Lagunitas. It was a real joy to have you and Mrs. Grosvenor and your dear children with us even for so short a time. Your keen appreciation of the country which to us is so full of charm, was most gratifying.



The spirit of California has taken hold of you and you are bound to return. In fact you will come again and again as the years roll on. Always let us know and save a little time for Lagunitas.

With kindest regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

September 7, 1915

Mr. Josiah H. Brinker,
Supt. of Documents,
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to yours of September 3 with respect to Senate Doc. 131, 58th Congress, 2nd session: I regret that you cannot supply this separate, but I am anxious to secure a copy and therefore will purchase the whole volume Serial No. 4589, the price of which you stated to be $1.25. I shall be obliged if you will kindly have this volume sent to my Washington address, Apartment 701, The Northumberland, where it will be taken care of until my return.

I shall be obliged also if you will send me, addressed to Lagunitas, Marin County, California, Bulletins 611, 612 and 614 of the United States Geological Survey, the same being Guide-books of Western United States, at $1. each. The total amount, $4.25, is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



September 7, 1915

Chevrolet Motor Co.,
Flint,
Michigan.

Dear Sirs:

The front wheel bearing for my Big Six Chevrolet No. 178 have arrived. As you sent them by express instead of by parcel post as requested, they went to San Geronimo, where I had to go for them, there being no express office at Lagunitas.

The four thrust-bearing washers (#45), amounting to $3.60, were not needed, and are returned herewith by parcel post insured. Kindly credit me with this amount.

Respectfully,

September 7, 1915

The Director,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will send me Professional Paper 95-D, An Ancient Volcanic Eruption in the Upper Yukon by S. R. Capps, and also the following maps:

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| Concord, Calif. | Revised ed. | .10 |
| Haywards, Calif. | " " | .10 |
| San Mateo, Calif. | " " | .10 |
| Bering Sea Coal Field | 36 X 44 inches | .15 |
| Yerington District, Nev. | | .10 |

A money order for 55¢ in payment of the above maps is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam



September 7, 1915

Dear Nelson:

Yours of the 1st inst. came yesterday, and I was glad of the information it contained, excepting that relating to the Chief, which is discouraging.

It is pleasing to know that the second shipment of bear skulls from Louis Bell has arrived, but your estimate of the brown bear skull does not agree with his. You call it a female, while he says it is the biggest and finest male he ever saw, and thinks it must be a record head.

Thanks for the envelopes, which doubtless will arrive in a day or two, and will be very handy in this ursine correspondence.

I have on hand here at Lagunitas a grizzly skull from British Columbia, and a big cinnamon bear from northwestern California, and am expecting a couple of other grizzlies in the near future.

With kind regards to you all, and hoping that Henshaw is himself again,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. E. W. Nelson,
U. S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

September 8, 1915

Dear Sheldon:

Congratulations and best wishes to you both! It is a fine thing that you and Mrs. Sheldon are unselfish enough to do your part toward infusing good wholesome blood and brains into the American Commonwealth -- now so flooded with inferior strains.

Since writing you the other day, the number of bear skulls received at the Biological Survey from the middle of May to the present time has grown to 50, of which 21 are grizzlies and big browns.

Our love to you both and to the little ones.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Mr. Charles Sheldon,
Woodstock,
Vermont.



September 8, 1915

Hon. Thomas R. Bard,
Los Angeles,
Calif.

Dear Sir:

In 1904 you presented to Congress a Memorial from the Northern California Indian Association which was printed as Senate Doc. 131, 58th Congress, 2nd Session.

If you happen to have any copies of this document remaining, I should be greatly obliged if you would send me one or two.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

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September 10, 1915

California State Auto Assoc.,
1928 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

In your Bulletin dated the 9th inst. (yesterday) you state "detour in Sausalito still necessary". I drove my car to Sausalito Ferry yesterday and found the new road open and in splendid condition. It is very crooked and has several sharp angles, but is nearly level and is a magnificent road. It is a pity that you had not been informed of this before issuing your last Bulletin.

Very truly yours,

C. Bent Merriam

September 11, 1915

Mackay & Dippie,
Banff,
Alberta.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your letter of the 1st inst., forwarded to me from Washington. During the past few years I have written you several times in the hope of securing skulls of grizzly bears, but without much success. I am very glad to know however that you are now in a position to obtain such skulls.

I am anxious to secure as many skulls of grizzlies as possible from known localities. While perfect skulls are preferred, I am nevertheless glad to take all grizzly skulls, irrespective of sex, age, or condition, the prices of course varying accordingly -- from $4 to $6 for young skulls, up to $10 or $12 for adult females, and $15 to $25 for fully adult males.

Each skull should be labeled with the locality where killed and your own name, and also with the sex and approximate date if known. Some tags are sent you herewith.

In case you have any skulls on hand or can purchase any, please wrap carefully and ship by parcel post or express, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture,





Washington, D. C.

I shall be glad to purchase bear skulls from any locality in America, provided the locality is known.

My address until the latter part of October will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California; after November 1st, Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

September 11, 1915

Mrs. William Derby,
Garibaldi,
Tillamook Co.,
Oregon.

Dear Mrs. Derby:

My sister Mrs. Florence Merriam Bailey writes me that your son has recently trapped a bear in your neighborhood. Did he save the skull? If so, and if it is an adult black or cinnamon bear in good condition, I would be glad to pay $5 for it. If your son will kindly write me about it, I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 18, 1915

California State Auto Assoc.,
1628 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco,
Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for the Bulletin of September 16. In this Bulletin you state that the Saratoga Grade is in fine condition to summit, "then very dusty to the Park". I drove my car over this road two days ago and found the down grade from summit to Big Basin in beautiful condition, it being watered apparently for its entire length. The number and frequency of water tanks along this road is simply amazing. We were told that it had been dusty and full of pitch-holes until the watering was begun.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



September 18, 1915

Mr. A. McConnell,
Chase,
British Columbia.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 7th inst. just received. I do not know of any way by which the age of a bear can be told from the "looks of the animal" when it is killed, the only guide being the skull and teeth. In old bears the teeth are much worn, sometimes broken, and the bones of the skull are very much more strongly developed than in young and middle-aged animals.

I shall be glad to pay $2 each for skulls of cougar and black and cinnamon bear; $1 each for wolverine; and 75¢ each for fisher and lynx, assuming that these are labeled for the locality where killed. Such skulls need not be cleaned, provided the brains are removed through the natural opening in the back of the skull, and the thick outside flesh cut off. After this is done the skulls should be allowed to dry in the shade, and then they may be sent by parcel post, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. A few tags are enclosed herewith.

I hope you will succeed in obtaining skulls of grizzly bears from some of your trappers. I expect to return to Washington about the end of October.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

September 18, 1915

Dear Mr. Goldman:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending the grapes by request of Mr. Nelson. They have arrived in excellent condition, and are most delicious. We particularly enjoy the black Muscats, although I presume the pink seedless will prove to have the most staying qualities.

We are greatly disappointed that Nelson has been kept in Washington, but still hope he may reach here early in October.

With best wishes and many thanks for your kindness,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Mr. G. R. Goldman,
Orosi, Tulare Co.,
Calif.



September 18, 1915

Mr. E. W. Darbey,
233 Main St.,
Winnipeg,
Canada.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. just received. Yes, I shall be glad to purchase the grizzly skull you have on hand from British Columbia, even though the exact locality is not known. Please send it by parcel post or express, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

I expect to return to Washington about the end of October, and will then see that a check is sent you for the skull, as per my previous letter.

Please attach a tag to the skull bearing your own name, so that there will be no question as to who it is from, as we are receiving numerous bear skulls from various parts of the Northwest, and in some cases there is difficulty in telling which is which.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

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September 18, 1915

Dear Doctor Stephens:

All right! I'll be glad to meet you on Tuesday morning at the Ferry flower stand as before. Our train usually arrives about five minutes after nine.

We returned late last night from a three-day trip to Big Basin (by way of the Saratoga Grade), Santa Cruz, Watsonville, San Juan (by the old rock canyon road), Hollister, and back by the Richmond-San Rafael Ferry, catching the last boat by the skin of our teeth. It was a delightful trip of about 300 miles, without mishap of any kind, in perfect weather.

Thanks for the clippings. The one announcing news from Stefansson gave Zenaida and me a thrill of excitement and joy, as we read it before seeing the paper. When we returned to the house Miss Allen had already received the same news in a telegram from New York. We are all greatly rejoiced.

I have no plans for Tuesday and shall be glad to go to the Exposition with you. Possibly you might like to stop at Van Ness Avenue on the way, and take a look at the new cheap edition of the Stearns-Knight.

With love to you all,

As ever,

Edith Morrison

September 20, 1915

Dear Nelson:

We have just returned from an interesting auto trip through the Santa Cruz Mountains to the giant redwoods of Big Basin, and thence to Santa Cruz, Watsonville, San Juan, and Hollister, and back on the east side of the bay to the new ferry between Point Richmond and San Rafael. At San Juan we put up at the old Plaza Hotel where you and I stopped some years ago. The old woman you frightened so badly with your peremptory Spanish, I regret to say, was unable to stand the shock, and is no longer on this earth.

During our absence the local storekeeper took charge of a box of fruit from your ranch. On opening it we were delighted to find it full of delicious grapes in perfect condition -- the finest of the several batches you have sent us. The pink seedless are probably the most satisfactory in the long run, and everyone likes them. The dark slippers, which I suspect may be your fancy brand of black Muscats, have the most lusciously more-ish flavor, so that it is hard to quit eating them. They are exactly ripe now, and yet have not begun to spoil and are by far the best we have ever tasted. I wish to return the proper acknowledgment for my personal share. The rest of the family will have to



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speak for themselves. They (the grapes - not the family) arrived at a most fortunate time, as our stock of fruit had been put away before our departure and we were just on the point of going to San Rafael for more when your bountiful box was discovered.

Too bad Uncle Henry had this breakdown. It must be mighty hard for you to stay in Washington another month after having been at the helm all summer. You have my sympathy in your struggle with the estimates. Good luck to you!

As ever,

Mr. E. W. Nelson,
U. S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

September 20, 1915

Mr. Tracy I. Storer,
Asst. Curator of Birds,
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Storer:

Thanks for your letter of the 15th inst., which I find on returning from a recent trip.

I am greatly obliged for the address of J. M. Murdock of Johnstown, Penn., to whom I am writing by this mail. I will also give myself the pleasure of calling on Mr. Lett the next time I am in the city.

Thanking you for your continued helpfulness in the matter of the search for bear skulls,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.



September 20, 1915

Mr. J. M. Murdock,
Johnstown,
Penn.

Dear Sir:

Recently I have been informed that you killed several grizzly bears in Alberta during the past summer. This interests me greatly, and I am writing to ask if you would be willing to sell or loan me the skulls of the grizzlies in question. Where did you kill them? And are there any adult males or females in the lot?

For nearly twenty-five years I have been collecting skulls of American bears, as a result of which our National Museum Collection contains more than 500 skulls of grizzlies and big brown bears.

There are at least four species of grizzlies in British Columbia and adjacent parts of Alberta, but the number of adult skulls available for examination is insufficient to admit of mapping their ranges correctly.

The above will be my address until the latter part of October, when I expect to return to Washington for the winter.

Hoping to hear from you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

September 20, 1915

Mr. J. W. Cochran,
Barkerville,
B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. has just reached me, having been forwarded from Washington.

I am glad to know that you have on hand two skulls of grizzly bears, and that you may be able to secure others. I shall be glad to purchase all you can get during the remainder of the present season and next year also, and will pay your price of at least $30 for the two skulls you already have, provided they reach the Biological Survey in good condition. Please see that each skull is labeled for the locality where killed and approximate date, and also your own name.

I expect to return to Washington about the end of October. Skulls received during my absence will be properly cared for. Please be sure to write your name on the outside of the package so there may be no mistake as to who it is from. A few tags are enclosed herewith.

Skulls may be sent either by parcel post or express, but should always be carefully wrapped to prevent breakage in transit. In the case of clean skulls, like yours, it is best to put a pad of folded paper between





the jaws to prevent breakage of the teeth, as bears' teeth are exceedingly brittle.

You mention that you have some fine specimens of the black timber wolf. For adult skulls of timber wolves from your region I will be glad to pay $3 each for ten skulls. What is the value of a black wolf skin with skull, the skin being complete with lips, nose, ears, and claws so that it would make a good museum specimen?

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson

September 20, 1915

Dear Nelson:

J. W. Cochran writes me from Barkerville, B.C. that he has on hand some very fine specimens of the "upland caribou" and moose. Thought you might be interested to know this. I am purchasing some grizzlies from him, and perhaps also a black wolf or two.

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th inst. and for the information about the bear skulls from Louis Bell.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Mr. E. W. Nelson,
U. S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.



September 20, 1915

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Thanks for your letter of the 11th inst. returning the Northumberland lease for signature. I am glad to know that the Washington Loan and Trust Company accepts the alterations I made in the terms of the lease. The same properly signed and witnessed is returned herewith.

Have just returned from an interesting automobile trip of about three hundred miles through the Santa Cruz Mountains, and thence to San Juan.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

September 20, 1915

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Yours of the 18th reached me this noon. You don't know how delighted I am to know that the long-hoped-for visit from you is about to materialize. I am going to San Francisco tomorrow morning, Tuesday, and will try to reach you by phone at Hotel Shattuck between 1 and 1:30. Should I fail in this, can you not meet me at the Sausalito Ferry, north side of Ferry Building, San Francisco, a little before 3:45 p. m., so that we may come in together on the 3:45 train, which reaches Lagunitas at 5:16?

Should it not be convenient for you to come tomorrow, drop me a line telling when you can come. There is no telephone or telegraph here at Lagunitas.

With best wishes, and love to Emily, whom we hope to see here before long,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. George W. Stewart,
Hotel Shattuck,
Berkeley,
Calif.



September 20, 1915

Mr. M. C. Beaman,
Mohler,
Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th inst. about the bear skull. In case you kill any more bears, I should be glad to purchase the skulls. Please state on a tag whether the bear was a black or a cinnamon.

By the way, which is more common in your region, the black or cinnamon bear? Did you ever hear of any grizzly bears in western Oregon? If so do you know of anyone who has one of their skulls?

I expect to remain here until the latter part of October, after which my address will be U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. In case you secure a skull, kindly ship the same to my Washington address. Thanking you for your prompt reply,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 23, 1915

Dear Dr. Stephens:

The present outlook gives us a clear deck for Saturday, so unless you hear from us to the contrary on Friday, you may expect Mrs. Merriam and myself to accept your kind invitation. We shall probably reach your house in Alameda a little after six o'clock on Saturday.

With love to you all,

As ever yours,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
Central Block,
Alameda,
Calif.

September 24, 1915

Dear Arch:

Yours of the 20th reached me this morning.

As to your friend who is going to motor to San Francisco and is thinking of both Yosemite and Tahoe: These two places as you doubtless know, are not on the same routes and cannot be easily reached, one from the other. Both are safe up to the middle of October, provided the weather is good at the east base of the range, but ought not to be undertaken if a storm is in sight as rain in the foothills means snow in the high mountains. I would advise your friend to take the Lincoln Highway to Reno. The route we took via Truckee is all right for any good car which can make the 32½ percent grade between Donner Lake and Summit. The snowshed crossing has been abolished and a cut under the railroad substituted, much to the joy and safety of motorists. This pass is not quite 8000 feet, and therefore nearly 2000 feet lower than the Tioga Road pass which leads to Crockers, a little north of Yosemite.

If your friend wishes to visit Lake Tahoe it would be easy for him to do so from Truckee, as the Tahoe roads are said to be in excellent condition. If he does this, it would be better perhaps to take the Placerville





grade to Sacramento, rather than the Donner-Colfax grade which we took. Both roads are said to be in good condition. In any case, he should go to Reno first, and then decide whether to continue by Donner of Placerville.

If he wishes to visit both Tahoe and Yosemite, he had better tackle Yosemite from this side; that is, after reaching Sacramento The roads from Sacramento south are said to be in excellent condition, and three distinct roads into Yosemite are now used by motorists. All of these are rather hard on the car and the driver, and require careful driving. All have steep grades. If I were going to Yosemite now I would leave my car at Merced and take the railroad into Yosemite -- a beautiful trip up Merced canyon.

We are glad that the chance of your coming here is so good, and wish that you could come earlier and stay later.

As to the wood supply: I don't want you to buy wood, neither do I want you to burn up my wood-piles which I have in part rebuilt and wish to have ready for next season. I had thought of marking a lot of trees for you to cut, but perhaps the safer way would be for me to have them cut before I leave so that there would be no chance of cutting the wrong trees. Then you can do the trimming and packing or hire it done, as you prefer.

It does not seem necessary to burn so much wood as you burnt last winter, and I have been wondering if you could not reduce the amount materially by packing the cracks around the west door with cotton or jute, and using a stove for the dining-room.

We think it a great joke that you tried to stick a stove-pipe up the fireplace chimney when there is a special hole for it in the end of the chimney opening into the dining-room, and plenty of extra stove-pipe upstairs.

If you would be content to keep the dining-room warm daytimes it could be easily curtained off by hanging any old thing from the top of the beam between it and the main living-room. Then you would have the big fireplace for evenings. This would reduce the firewood to a fraction of what was used last winter.

I have done nothing about the roof for the reason that the roof has not leaked since we came. There were two rains after we arrived, one rather heavy on May 24, but no water came in. I am thinking however of getting a chunk of Truscon dope which they claim has remarkable virtues in plugging leaks in roofs and about chimneys. I will probably leave a batch of it here where you can get it if needed.





I have just had the garage painted with two coats of Truscon Stone-tex. It looks good and I believe it will keep out the water. Time will tell. Prof. Forrest Shreve told me that it was splendid stuff.

Mrs. M. and Zanaida join me in love to you both.

As ever yours,

E. Nat Munn

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert,
Milford
Utah.

September 24, 1915

Mr. Arthur B. Heaton,
1512 H St.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Heaton:

When I left Washington last spring we had not arrived at a satisfactory plan for the garage to be built in the yard at the rear of my house, 1919 16th street. The plan provides also for the building of a bathroom to extend from the laundry to the present servants' watercloset under the kitchen steps.

I expect to return about the end of October, and would like to build a garage as soon as possible thereafter. I shall be glad therefore if you will take the matter up again in view of the enclosed plan.

The garage should have capacity for two cars -- a small one measuring 14 feet in length, and a large one 16 feet. The width of the cars is 5 feet 9 inches, and it is necessary to have plenty of room on both sides. The doors will have to be extra wide. The height of the doors should not exceed 8 feet 6 inches, and the height of the garage ceiling inside not over 8 feet 9 inches. The electric wire and steam-heater outlets can be arranged later.

Very truly yours,

C. Walcott



September 24, 1915

Hudson Book Co.,
25 West 42nd St.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

The books you sent me under date of September 8 and 9 have arrived safely, and I have decided to keep them all. I have therefore made out a voucher for the amount, $23.75, which I am sending to the Smithsonian Institution to be paid from my special fund. A check will be sent you about the 1st of October.

I am returning your original bills, which mention only authors' names, so that you will recognize the titles when you receive the voucher with the Smithsonian check.

Respectfully,

C. Walcott

September 24, 1915

Dear VB:

It has been a very long time that we have been wondering where you had gone, and why we had not heard; but today's mail brings your letter of the 18th inst. from Gardiner.

It is good that you have had such an interesting trip and have learned so much that is worth knowing. But it is my private opinion that you are too old for such hard and protracted horseback riding. However, I strongly suspect that you will keep at it until you check in.

Thanks for the information about the grizzlies. It is of the utmost possible importance to secure every adult skull that can be had in the immediate future. And I would thank my lucky stars for a chance to purchase a couple of thousand dollars' worth during the next six weeks. What we need is skulls, and we need them right now and all we can possibly get.

I will write Robert Miller at Jackson by this mail, and will also write your friend Rudolph Rosencrans of Moran, Wyoming.

Last week we all made an auto trip to Big Basin, Santa Cruz, and San Juan, returning by Hollister,





San Felipe, Gilroy, and the east side of the Bay, crossing by the new ferry from Richmond to San Rafael.

Since our arrival in May, Susie has carried us some 2500 miles, and is still in excellent health and spirits. We hope to go to Pinnacles in the course of a couple of weeks, and wish you could be of the party.

A few weeks ago Elizabeth and I drove over the Pieta Grade to Clear Lake, where we spent a couple of nights with Dr. Stephens, at his summer home in a forest of giant manzanitas.

Florence seems well and happy, and evidently keeps busy. She has been a God-send to Dorothy during the summer.

Arch Gilbert and wife expect to occupy our ranch again this winter, but cannot come until late.

With love from us all,

As ever,

C. Hart Merriam

Vernon Bailey,
Cody,
Wyo.

September 24, 1915

Mr. Robert Miller,
Forest Supervisor,
Jackson,
Wyo.

Dear Sir:

Vernon Bailey writes me that you have the skin and skull of a grizzly killed on Buffalo Creek, south of the Park, and also that you know of another skull which you cached in a tree some years ago.

As Bailey probably told you, I am most anxious to obtain as many skulls of grizzlies as possible, particularly adults, from anywhere, especially from the general Park region, and shall be glad to pay rather high prices for the same.

If you will kindly let me know the value of the skin and skull you have on hand, I shall be greatly obliged. And I shall also appreciate your kindness if you will make a special effort to recover the big skull you left in a tree. If it is a big old male in fair condition, I should be glad to pay at least $30 for it.

My address will be as above until the latter part of October, when I expect to return to Washington, D. C.

A few tags are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.



September 24, 1915

Mr. Rudolph Rosencrans,
Moran,
Wyo.

Dear Sir:

A letter just received from Vernon Bailey tells me that you are in a position to obtain grizzly bears. I am anxious to secure as many skulls as possible, and should be glad to pay rather long prices for the same, provided each is labeled with the locality where killed. I should be glad also to purchase a few complete museum specimens -- skins accompanied by their proper skulls -- in case the value of the skins is not too great. Should like to know what you consider a fair price for a good skin with skull. Skulls of adult and old bears are worth much more than those of young bears, and males are worth more than females. At the same time I shall be glad to purchase all the skulls you can get, irrespective of sex and age, the price varying accordingly.

I am anxious to secure these specimens as early as possible for the reason that my book on the Big Bears is likely to go to press during the winter.

My address will be as above until the latter part of October, when I expect to return to Washington, D. C.

A few tags are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

September 27, 1915

Arthur Hain, Esq.,
Cook, San Benito Co.,
Calif.

Dear Mr. Hain:

On Saturday, October 9, Dr. W. B. Stephens of Alameda, and myself, with our families and friends, hope to visit the Pinnacles, spending Saturday night there. From present indications there will be fifteen of us, all told, in three automobiles.

We thought that under the circumstances the best place to camp would be the hotel-site under the big oaks on the river flat, a couple of miles or so from the mouth of the canyon.

Is the road good for automobiles as far as the hotel site? And is this not the best place to leave the cars? If so, can you meet us with a team at the hotel-site and take a wagon-load of women to the mouth of the canyon and bring them back before dark, you spending the night with us; and then take the women to the other canyon Sunday morning, bringing them back about noon?

Can you furnish 6 roasted chickens (good-sized), a peck of boiled potatoes not peeled, some fresh ripe tomatoes, 3 dozen eggs, 2 quarts of milk, 2 quarts of cream, and 3 dozen ears of corn? If you haven't any corn or





tomatoes can you bring some other fruit? If you cannot supply cream separate, bring more milk so that we can skim enough cream for coffee in the morning. In case you can supply the six roasted chickens for Saturday night dinner, don't put any onions in the dressing of two of them, as Dr. Stephens' family does not eat onions. You might put a brand on these two so that we can tell which is which. If it is not convenient for you to supply chickens we will bring beefsteak.

We will bring all the other food with us and of course our own beds. Can you fetch your big old coffee-pot and a couple of frying pans?

Very truly yours,

September 27, 1915

Goodrich Tire Co.,
408 Mission St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I am now sending you from the Thayer Garage, San Rafael, the fourth of my set of your Silvertown Cord tires, to be retreaded. This is the worst of the five tires, which, as I wrote you some time ago, I had driven more than 9,000 miles, including a trip across the continent from Washington, D. C. to San Francisco. This one was badly damaged in going over some sharp broken stones recently, causing a blowout. I shall be greatly obliged if you will have it repaired and returned to the Thayer Garage as early as possible, so that I may have it not later than October 7, when I expect to start on a trip.

These tires have given me immense satisfaction -- so much so that I do not care to experiment with any other kind.

Very truly yours,



September 27, 1915

Mr. Raymond D. Dart,
Long Lake
via Chitina,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter to the Smithsonian Institution dated August 29 has been forwarded to me. I shall be glad to purchase as many skulls as you can obtain of grizzly and big brown bears, and will pay from $5 to $30 each for same, according to age, sex, and condition of skull.

Skulls of black bears and the brown phase of the black bear, are worth only from $1 to $3 each, according to sex, age, and condition. Specimens may be shipped either by parcel post or express, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. A few tags are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

I expect to return to Washington about the end of October.

Please be sure to label each skull with the locality where killed, the approximate date and your own name.

Original Defective

September 27, 1915

Mr. A. W. Twitchell,
Bethel, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your two letters of July 16 have only just reached me, having been forwarded from Washington.

It is all right to send skulls by mail to the Biological Survey under Government frank, and I am sending you some penalty envelopes by this mail. Skulls should be carefully wrapped to prevent breakage in transit. In all cases be sure to attach a Biological Survey label to each skull, giving the locality where killed, and your own name and address, so that there may be no question as to who sent the skull.

I am very glad to know that you have already sent a skull from Hoolitna River, and shall examine the same with much interest on my return to Washington in about a month. Shall I send payment for this skull at once or wait until others are received?

Very truly yours,



September 27, 1915

Mr. T. L. Richardson,
Barrow, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of August 11 which reached me today, having been forwarded from Washington.

I will pay $6 to $15 each for skulls of polar bears, according to age, sex, and condition of skull, and will take all you can get during the coming year.

I should like also to purchase wolf skulls from the Point Barrow region at $2 each and foxes, lynx, weasel, and Arctic hare at 50¢ to $1 each.

While grizzly bears do not occur at Point Barrow, they do occur near the coast a little farther east and I did not know but that you could get Eskimo to bring them in. I would pay about twice as much for skulls of grizzly bears as for those of polar bears.

Kindly ship the skulls by parcel post, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. A few tags are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

I expect to return to Washington about the end of October.

Be sure to mark each skull with the locality where killed, the approximate date, and your own name.

September 27, 1915

Miss M. V. Pendleton,
Associated Charities,
1500 Jackson St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss Pendleton:

On Saturday, the 25th, I sent you the suitcase containing the clothing left here by Mrs. Mary Bodell. I paid the expressman for delivering it, and am enclosing herewith his receipt.

Trusting that it reached you safely,

Very truly yours,



September 27, 1915

San Mateo Co. Exposition Commission,
San Mateo,
Calif.

Dear Sirs:

The papers state that you have just issued an illustrated road book of automobile tours in San Mateo County. I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly send a copy to me at the above address. Any charges for the same will be promptly remitted.

Respectfully,

September 27, 1915

Mr. Richard Rathbun,
Assistant Secretary,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rathbun:

Thanks for your letter of the 20th inst. enclosing copy of a letter from Raymond D. Dart of Long Lake, Alaska, concerning the sale of a brown bear skull. I am writing Mr. Dart by this mail, and hope to secure the skull in question for the Museum.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,



September 27, 1915

Keystone Company,
San Jose,
Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Please quote price on your Fairy brand white watercloset paper in 8 oz. rolls, in lots of 2 dozen rolls.

Respectfully,

Original Defective

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September 28, 1915

Dear Doctor Stone:

By the same mail I am sending you, registered, the sheet you sent me on the 14th inst. for the Sage album.

Your letter of the 21st with enclosed photographs arrived yesterday and gave us all much pleasure. You have had far better luck with your photographs this year than I have with mine; some of them are little gems. I wish I knew where you stood when you took the one looking across the canyon here at Lagunitas. I will try to locate the spot and take one from the same place.

During the past month or so we have taken two interesting automobile trips of approximately 300 miles each -- one up to Clear Lake in the hot country, the other to Big Basin in the Santa Cruz Mountains, and thence to San Juan Valley and back on the east side of the bay. Susie has carried us about 2600 miles this summer. Next week we are going south to San Benito County to camp for a couple of nights in the National Monument known as the Pinnacles. Wish you and Mrs. Stone could be of the party.

Zenaida is greatly pleased with the pictures, and insists on keeping all of the small ones for



her album, so that I shall have to duplicate the ones that I particularly admire, and hope I may have as good luck as you had.

Of the forty odd people who have visited us at Lagunitas so far this season, I think you and the Grosvenors (of the National Geographic Magazine) appreciated our country more than did any of the others. Therefore we expect you both with your wives to come again and stay longer.

With many thanks and best wishes to you both,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Witmer Stone,
Academy of Natural Sciences,
Philadelphia, Penn.

September 28, 1915

Hon. Sam. L. Rogers,
Director, Census,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your courtesy in notifying me of the publication of a Census Bureau Report on Indians of the United States and Alaska. I shall be greatly obliged if you will send a copy to the above address (Lagunitas, Marin County, California) and another to my winter address, 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam



September 28, 1915

Capt. J. P. Hubrick,
McCarthy,
Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of July 4 has reached me here in California where I have been spending the summer. The Biological Survey has acknowledged receipt of the three bear skulls you sent in -- one old brown bear, an adult black bear, and a fragment of a black bear. They say that the second skull which you labeled as a brown bear is really a black. I am therefore entering it as such on your voucher. I will examine it carefully on my return to Washington next month, and if by any possibility it turns out to be a brown or grizzly instead of a black, I will credit you the difference in value.

I hope you will succeed in obtaining additional skulls this fall, as I am particularly anxious to secure as many as possible this year.

Sorry to learn that you had such hard luck as to lose a horse by drowning. Thanks for the specimens of copper, which of course I have not yet seen.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

$27.00 will be sent you from the Smithsonian.

burden yourself with are tooth brush and night shirt. We will have an extra sleeping bag for you and plenty to eat.

When are Mrs. Willis and the children coming to California? If they come before we leave for the East we shall hope to have you all with us for a week-end.

With best wishes and hopes that you will be with us on the Pinnacles trip,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Bailey Willis,
Stanford University,
Palo Alto,
Calif.

September 30, 1915

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Dear Doctor Willis:

One of the pleasantest bits of news we have heard this fall is that you have accepted the chair of Geology at Stanford University.

On Saturday, October 9, we expect to take part in an excursion to the Pinnacles National Monument in San Benito County. About fifteen of us in three automobiles are booked for the trip. There is room for one more in our car, and Mrs. Merriam and I both hope that you will be able to go with us. If so we will pick you up either at Stanford or San Jose rather early on Saturday morning. Returning, you could reach Palo Alto Sunday night. If you can go I will write you more in detail. The only articles I think of which you might

October 1, 1915

Dear Dr. Stephens:

Have this moment received a reply from Arthur Hain as to the Pinnacles trip. He says that the hotel site seems the most suitable camping place but adds that there is no water near at the present time, the river being dry, so that he will have to haul water for the camp. He will also ask Mr. Bacon for permission to camp at the hotel site.

He states also that the road is quite sandy and being very dry is negotiated with some difficulty. I assume that this bad sand is between the last house and the hotel site, but am not sure.

Hain says he has a spring-wagon which will carry five persons and wants to know if that will take all the ladies. This I cannot answer, not knowing how many there will be besides our three.

Hain says he can furnish everything we asked for except the corn. This means he will bring 6 roasted chickens, a peck of boiled potatoes not peeled, 3 dozen eggs, some fresh ripe tomatoes, 2 quarts of milk and 2 quarts of cream.

I have written Hain by this mail asking him more specifically about the distances between his house and





the hotel site, and the bad sandy place and the mouth of Bear Canyon, and also whether there is any suitable place where it might be well to leave the cars on the near side of the bad sand, and how far this would be from the hotel site and Bear Canyon. Have asked him also if he can furnish another team in case of necessity and whether or not he can be reached promptly by phone.

His answer should reach me not later than Tuesday. I will then communicate with you at once.

Mrs. Merriam and I find ourselves a little hazy about the exact number of the party. There will be four of us with the possibility of a fifth, as we have invited Dr Bailey Willis, the recently appointed head professor of Geology at Stanford, to go along. If he accepts we will be five.

It has occurred to us that it might be better for us to go direct to San Jose Friday afternoon and spend the night there, joining you in the early morning for the trip south. We will talk this over when I see you Tuesday or Wednesday.

We shall not soon forget our recent pleasant visit with you, and the fine ride you gave us on Sunday.

With love to you all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
Central Block,
Alameda, Calif.

October 1, 1915

Dear Mr. Hain:

Many thanks for your promptness in answering my letter about the Pinnacles trip. But I am still a little at sea about the distances. I shall appreciate the favor therefore if you will kindly give me the following distances: from your house to the last house (where a man was building a small garage when we were there last year); from the last house to the hotel site; from the hotel site to the mouth of Bear ( or Grizzly) Canyon; from the hotel site to mouth of Pinnacles Canyon.

How long is the sandy stretch before reaching the hotel site and is it not between the last house and hotel site?

Would it be practicable to leave the cars at the last house or at the near end of the bad sand? And how far would this be from the hotel site?

I can not answer your question about the number of women as I do not know how many there will be in the Allen family. There are three in my family and Dr. Stephens may have one or two besides his wife --of this I am not sure but will try to find out as soon as possible and let you know. Would say at a guess that there are at least half a dozen.

All of our three automobiles are rather large





and heavy and therefore apt to sink in the sand. Mine weighs 4000 pounds empty and one of the others probably more than 5000. Heavy cars, as you of course know, are not adapted to sand navigation.

In case it is best to leave the cars on your side of the bad sand, could you raise one other team and wagon in addition to your own in order to haul all the women and all the duffle to the hotel site?

We are mighty glad that you can go with us and that you can furnish everything except the corn, which is of little consequence. My wife thinks you had better not put onion in any of the chickens for fear a transposition might result unpleasantly. Anyhow they will be good enough without.

If you will kindly answer this at once, I will write you again by return mail in the hope that everything may be arranged in time to save delay when we get there, as Dr. Stephens is very short of time and must reach Alameda Sunday night.

Could I reach you by phone? Or in case of urgent necessity could I telegraph or phone to Tres Pinos and have the message forwarded to you promptly? I am thinking of the possibile necessity of having to connect with you as soon as possible after receipt of your next letter.

Looking forward to meeting you again a week from tomorrow,

Very truly yours,

October 1, 1915

Mr. D. E. Watkins, Secretary,
Calif. State Auto Assoc.,
1628 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your circular letter on amendments to the By-laws of the Association with comments thereon, and nominations for regular ticket for Directors, received, for which I am obliged.

No proxy was enclosed, but I should like to vote for all of the proposed amendments.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam



October 1, 1915

Mr. E. C. Noyes,
Trussed Concrete Steel Co.,
1106 Central Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 27, would state that the garage I am about to build is not in California but at my winter home in Washington, D. C. It is to occupy my back-yard 24 ft. square, but is complicated by basement and kitchen steps and other details which render an estimate without seeing the premises difficult, if not impossible.

Many thanks for the letter you were kind enough to send. I will submit the same to my architect in Washington.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 1, 1915.

Mr. J. C. Klemm,
1338 Shrader St.,
San Francisco,
Calif.

Dear Sir:

At the last meeting of the Lagunitas Improvement Club I agreed to pay half the cost of cutting off the angle at the forks of the upper road. Martinelli who did the work tells me that the total bill amounts to $14.75. I am sending you therefore as my half $7.38, to which I have added $1.50 in payment of my dues to the end of the year, making in all $8.88.

Very truly yours,

October 2, 1915

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for September, amounting to $28.47, a voucher for books from the Hudson Book Company, New York, amounting to $23.75, and three vouchers for bear skulls as follows: Capt. J. P. Hubrick, McCarthy, Alaska, $26.00; Louis Bell, Seward, Alaska, $87.00; and C. Stowell Smith, San Francisco, $10.00; and shall be obliged if you will kindly pay same from the Harriman Fund.

I expect to return to Washington the latter part of the present month, so kindly send salary vouchers for October to my office at the Northumberland Apartment.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

| 1915 | September account | | Voucher | Sub | |
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| Sept. 8 | Marsh & Co.--6 Film rolls | | 1 | | 2 50 |
| " 11 | Isaac Upham Co.--Library cards & stationery | | 2 | | 2 10 |
| " 15 | Marsh & Co.--Developing rolls and printing | | 3 | | 6 90 |
| " 15-17 | Auto trip of 300 miles to Santa Cruz Mts. and San Juan Valley | | 4 | | 1 44 |
| " 15 | Ferryage of car, Sausalito to San Francisco, 75¢; of self, 15¢ | .90 | | | |
| " 16 | Lunch 30¢; 10 gals. gasoline @ 11¢ | 1.40 | | | |
| | Redwood Inn, Santa Cruz Mts.--Supper, lodging and breakfast | 1.50 | 5 | | |
| | Map of Redwood Park Forest | .25 | | | |
| | Lunch, Boulder Creek | .50 | | | |
| | 15 gals. gasoline @ 15¢ | 2.25 | | | |
| " 17 | Plaza Hotel, San Juan--Supper, lodging, and breakfast | 1.50 | 6 | | |
| | Lunch, Gilroy | .50 | | | |
| | Ferryage of car, Pt. Richmond-San Rafael 75¢; of self, 15¢ | .90 | | | |
| | Supper, Fairfax | 1.00 | | | |
| | Stamps and stamped envelopes | | | | 10 70 |
| | Receipt not at hand for August account: | | | | 2 38 |
| Aug. 27 | Marsh & Co.--Developing rolls and printing | | 7 | | 1 45 |
| | Janitor, Office Apartment, Northumberland | | | | 1 00 |
| | | | | | $28 47 |

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C. Hart Merriam

Hudson Book Co.

25 West 42nd St., New York City

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| 1915 | | | | |
| Sept. 21 | Benjamin -- Reise in Innern Californien 1862 | | | 6 50 |
| | Publ. Historical Soc. So. California 1891 | | | 13 75 |
| | Gillian -- Travels: Mexico and California 1846 | | | 5 00 |
| | Julian -- Cuyamaca Grant 1873 | | | 3 00 |
| | Watson -- Hunters in Old World and New 1856 | | | 2 00 |
| | Hartley -- Hunting Sports of the West 1859 | | | 3 00 |
| | Expressage | | | 50 |
| | | | | $23 75 |

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Louis Bell

Seward, Alaska.

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| 1915 | | | | |
| Sept. 28 | 3 Skulls of old big brown bears from Kenai Peninsula, Alaska | | | |
| | 1 Skull of adult female big brown bear from Kenai Peninsula, Alaska | | 20.00 | 60 00 |
| | 4 Skulls of black bears from Kenai Peninsula | | 3.00 | 15 00 |
| | | | | $87 00 |

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Capt. J. P. Rubrick,

McCarthy, Alaska.

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| 1915 | | | | |
| Sept. | 28 | 1 | Skull of old female brown bear, Copper River region, Alaska | 22 00 |
| | | 1 | Skull of black bear, Copper River region | 3 00 |
| | | 1 | Skull of black bear, imperfect, Copper River region | 1 00 |
| | | | | $26 00 |

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26.00



Mr. C. Stowell Smith,

Forest Service, San Francisco, Calif.

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| 1915 | | | | |
| Sept. | 21 | 1 | Skull of old male cinnamon bear from Eel River, California | 10 00 |
| | | | | $10 00 |

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10.00

October 2, 1915

Mr. W. R. Kent,
Campbell River,
British Columbia.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of September 15 just received.

I am glad to know that you are likely to secure grizzly bear skulls for me from the western part of British Columbia. I shall be glad to purchase all you can get, and will pay liberal prices for the same, especially for adults.

I shall be glad also to purchase skulls of cougar, timber wolf, and black bear from both Vancouver Island, and points on the mainland, and will pay from $2 to $4 each for skulls properly labeled for locality. I would also purchase a dozen skulls each of lynx, wolverine, fisher, and beaver at from 75¢ to $1.50 each, according to size, sex, and condition, and 50¢ for marten and fox.

It is not necessary to clean any skulls, more than to cut away the thick flesh and remove the brains through the natural opening in the back of skull, care being taken not to injure the bones. Skulls roughed out in this way should be dried in the shade, after which they should be carefully packed and shipped by parcel post or express, whichever is more convenient. All packages should be ad-





addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Your name and address should be written on the outside of the package as well as on the label. A few labels are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson.

I expect to return to Washington for the winter the latter part of the present month.

October 2, 1915

Mr. J. M. Murdock,
First National Bank Bldg.,
Johnstown, Penn.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of September 25 in reply to my inquiry about your bears.

I regret to learn that you had the skulls mounted in the rugs so that they are not available for study. Bears' teeth are extremely brittle, and usually go to pieces within two or three years. For this reason, apart from the scientific value of the skull, it is much better to use artificial skulls with carved bone teeth for taxidermic purposes, the teeth of the dummy skulls outlasting those of the original by many years.

The grizzly bears of eastern British Columbia and western Alberta are most perplexing. And the total number of their skulls in Canadian and United States Museums is insufficient to admit of working out the characters and ranges of the several species in a satisfactory manner.

Thanking you for your letter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



October 2, 1915

Mr. H. C. Tuchsen,
Executive Secretary,
San Mateo County Comm.
Redwood City, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of the 29th of September, and accompanying three copies of your Road book of San Mateo County. I will make good use of these, and taking advantage of your offer to send more copies, would suggest that you send one to each of the following:

Dr. W. B. Stephens, Central Block, Alameda, Calif.

Dr. Sterling Bunnell, Schroth Bldg., San Francisco

Thayer Garage, San Rafael, Calif.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 4, 1915

Dear Nelson:

Your telegram forwarded by phone received. Am wiring as follows:

Would restrict by number rather than by close season. Suggest two as bag limit. Would permit export of skins killed in open season, and sale of skins except on Kodiak and Montague Islands and islands of southeastern Alaska.

I am not familiar with existing regulations and know nothing about regulations on reservations.

I realize that a bag limit of two is likely to act as a damper on the ambitions of some young men, but it would seem to be a fair compromise. I would abolish a close season on bears in Alaska for the double reason that most people are there during the present close season, and a bag limit in my judgment is more effective than a close season.

Am writing in a hurry to get this into tonight's mail -

Hastily

C. Hart Merriam.



October 4, 1915

Western Union Telegraph Co.,
San Francisco,
Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Please send the enclosed message to the Biological Survey at Washington at Government rates and charge to Department of Agriculture. My Western Union number is 2818 W.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam.

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San Francisco, Oct. 4, 1915

E. W. Nelson
Biological Survey
Dept. Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

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Merriam

Official
Dept. Agriculture

October 5, 1915

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Yours of yesterday has just arrived. I thought you said there were eleven of your family and the Allens, making fifteen with our family, but according to your letter there are only ten in all. Since writing you, Professor Bailey Willis of Stanford has accepted, making eleved instead of sixteen, which is much better.

The second letter from Hain, which I expected today, has not arrived, and cannot arrive before tomorrow morning's mail, so I will have to wait for it before going to the city to see you. I will leave here therefore on the 11:06, reaching the city about 12:40, and shall arrive at your office about or a little before one o'clock. If you have already gone I will wait till say 2:30 and then phone you at your Alameda office, telling you what Hain's last word is.

We are all pleased to know that you are willing to spend the night at San Jose, but I would suggest the official A.A.A. Hotel Vendome instead of the St. James, as the St. James seems to have deteriorated so that the last time I stopped there I determined never to go there again. The Letcher Garage that you mention is close by the Vendome.

I fear it will not be practicable to make the run to San Jose with you for the reason that we expect to



spend the day in San Francisco and to drive about the parks and down the peninsula a bit in the afternoon. However, we can arrange this tomorrow.

Our water bags are soaking, and Mrs. M. is making up the extra beds, so you see we have the preparations well in hand.

Till tomorrow

Good-bye

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
Shreve Bldg.,
Cor. Post St. & Grant Ave.,
San Francisco,
Calif.

October 5, 1915

Dear Mr. Hain:

No word from you yet, but I am hoping it will arrive by the morning mail.

Today's mail brought a letter from Dr. Stephens, giving the needed information about the rest of the party. Altogether in the three cars there will be six men and five women, making only eleven in all, instead of fifteen as I wrote you before. This will cut a little corner off the grub pile, but will not change the half dozen chickens.

Therefore if your wagon will carry five women there will be no need of another wagon. I assume that in case another camping place is decided on, you would be able to haul the beds and grub in your wagon after hauling the women. Anyhow I await your reply with interest.

We now expect to spend Friday night at San Jose and to start for Cook as early as we can get breakfast -- say between six and seven --so we may roll in upon you earlier than expected, possible by or a little before noon.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Arthur T. Hain,
Cook,
San Benito Co.,
Calif.



October 5, 1915

Dear Doctor Willis:

We were delighted to learn that you will be with us on the Pinnacles trip.

Since writing you our plans have undergone a slight change: We expect to go to San Jose Friday night instead of Saturday morning. Can you not therefore meet us at Hotel Vendome, San Jose, Friday evening? This should enable us to hit the road Saturday morning between six and seven o'clock.

Hastily yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Bailey Willis,
Stanford University,
Calif.

October 6, 1915

Dr. Franz Boas,
Grantwood,
New Jersey.

Dear Doctor Boas:

Your letter of September 25 has just reached me, having been forwarded from Washington.

I am glad to know that Homer Sargent is contemplating a study of Indian basketry from the interior of British Columbia. I have very little from that region but shall be only too glad to give him the use of the few pieces in my possession. I have a few Fraser and Thompson River baskets and a few Klikatats and one fine Chilkotin.

I expect to be in Washington next month.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



October 6, 1915

Mr. C. E. Pickett,
U. S. District Court,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Pickett:

Your letter of September 27 has just reached me at my summer home in California, having been forwarded from Washington.

Unfortunately I cannot answer your question about Dr. Fewkes' publications on the cliff dwellers. Dr. Fewkes has published a large number of papers on the Ho-pe Indians, some of which I feel sure are distributed free by the Smithsonian Institution. If I were in Washington I would find out about them and let you know. But as it is, I would suggest that you write direct to Dr. J. Walter Fewkes at the Smithsonian Institution, and thus obtain definite information first hand.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Townsend. With best wishes and regrets that I cannot answer your question,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 12, 1915

Dear Arch:

Should have answered your letter more promptly but have only just returned from a brief camping trip to the National Monument known as the Pinnacles in San Benito County -- a place well worth visiting, consisting of a superb live oak plain leading into two rocky canyons in the Gabilan Range.

We are very glad that you can come here early in November, and only wish that we might stay to see you installed. But it seems imperative that we should be in Washington not later than November 1.

You are right in assuming that we have not been here in winter, provided your winter begins after Christmas. I have been here two different years until about December 20, and have enjoyed the latter part of the stay immensely, and had no trouble in keeping the living-room warm. November and December are usually beautiful months here -- a rain now and then, with fine sunshiny weather between.

As to the use of the small stove: Redwood certainly is touchy about heat, but the difficulty from this source may be met by using more pipe, of which there an abundance upstairs, and by interposing tin, zinc, sheet-iron, or boards between the heater and the finished wood of the rooms.

About the wood: We have not yet quite worked out





the problem, but have not by any means given the matter up. It strikes me that the question resolves itself into this: whether it is cheaper to buy and haul, or to hire the wood cut on the place. On inquiry I am told that Frank Elliott furnishes "pine", by which he means Douglas spruce, in cord wood length at $7 per cord delivered. But thus far I have not learned where oak wood may be purchased this side of Olema. Just what it would cost to have the wood cut here and backed to the house I don't know.

While as you say, there would be room enough for a stack of poles on the roadway leading to the garage, I should not want to have wood sawed there because of the accumulation of sawdust that would inevitably result.

Anyhow, there is a moderate-sized wood pile where the old one was last winter, alongside the woodshed, which you may use until you work out the supply problem in what appeals to you as the best way.

We are all immensely delighted to know that you and Mrs. Arch have actually arrived at the point where you are seeking a California home. In this connection it seems to me that you must decide first whether you are willing to live in a city or suburb -- which means good clothes and liberal contributions to local improvements and so on -- or whether you will be content in the country, and take a little longer to get into town when necessary. Ross and Mill Valley and several other attractive places nearby

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have beautiful residence districts, but land is high and expenses higher. The only other place we think of on the Bay side of Whites Hill is Baltimore Park -- a redwood canyon near Larkspur -- a horrible name for a rather attractive place. On this side of Whites Hill you have endless opportunities all the way from Woodacre to Lagunitas canyon. In this region appear to be a large number of attractive places, which I assume could be had at a reasonable price. Right here at Lagunitas several places are posted for sale, both on our side of the canyon, and on top of the hill on the other side, with houses, such as they are, already built. You did not say whether you are looking for a house which you could alter or add to, or for an unbuilt site. If land with trees on it is all you want, almost anyone would sell you whatever you find to your liking. You will have lots of time to look about in November when the weather in the main is bound to be fine.

At Forest Knolls the lots are too small and some of the people not exactly those you would chose for neighbors, but between Forest Knolls and Woodacre at least two new roads have been cut, opening up side canyons, where there are said to be attractive places, but we have not looked into them.

Our love to you both,

As ever,

October 13, 1915

Dear JC:

Owing to the circumstance that the entire Lagunitas branch of the Merriam family has been away on an automobile trip to San Benito County, we have only just received your kind invitation of the 7th inst. If not too late, we three shall be glad to accept dinner and lodging for the evening of Thursday, October 21. Kindly give me a tip as to whether or not I am expected to wash for low neck.

I hope you have those bear skulls from Rancho La Brea, as I should like to go over them with you before returning East.

We appreciate your remarks about being occupied by visitors during the present season, with consequent interruption of work. So far we have had about forty visitors, several of whom have stayed several nights, one a couple of weeks, and one more than a month.

With kindest regards from all of us to all of you,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. John C. Merriam,
Berkeley,
Calif.

October 14, 1915

Dear GK:

Thanks for yours of the 3rd, which was banked up in our mail when we returned a day or two ago from an auto trip of a little over 300 miles to Bear Valley and the Pinnacles National Park in San Benito County.

We picked up Bailey Willis, who, as you doubtless know, is now head professor of Geology at Stanford, and took him along. There were two other automobiles in the party, one driven by Dr. Stephens, the other by Harry Allen. Bailey Willis proved a decided accession, being not only agile and helpful, but also an active camp cook. Furthermore, he told us a lot about the history of the country, and strangest of all worked a miracle on Elizabeth. You would not have believed your eyes had you seen her under his guidance climbing up the steep rocky canyons, crawling through dark caves, and worming her way up tortuous passages among the rocks. She has not displayed such agility before for a quarter of a century.

We have had no rain yet, and are hoping that one may come in the near future to improve the roads.

Arch and wife are coming here for the winter, as you doubtless know. We are very glad of this, and wish they might arrive before our departure, but the present





outlook is that we shall appear in Washington by the 1st of November.

From what you say about the Colorado job of the woman you call Edna, it looks as though we might not see you till spring. Hoping however that this is not the case, and that you will show up soon after our arrival,

As ever yours,

G. K. Gilbert,
205 N East Ave.
Jackson,
Mich.

October 14, 1915

Mr. A. J. Phillipson,
Prince Rupert,
British Columbia.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 23 has been forwarded to me from Washington.

I am glad to know that you are in a position to obtain bear skulls. I am particularly anxious to purchase this fall and winter as many skulls as possible of grizzly bears and big brown bears from British Columbia and Alaska, and will pay good prices for all you can get, provided each one is labeled with the locality where it was killed. The price for each will vary according to sex, age, and condition of skull, the usual rates being $3 to $4 for cubs of the first and second year; $5 to $10 for three and four year olds; $10 to $15 for adult females; and $15 to $20 for perfect old males. Damaged skulls are of course worth less than perfect ones.

I do not care much for skulls of black bears, but will pay from $2 to $4 each for a few blacks and the cinnamon phase of the black, and $2 to $4 each for wolves and cougars, and $1 each for wolverines.

I don't want the skin of the head. The best way is to cut off the thick flesh and remove the tongue carefully without injuring the bones at the base of the skull or





in the back of the mouth. The brain should then be removed through the natural opening in the back of the skull, care being taken not to cut or injure the bone. Skulls rough-cleaned in this way should be well dried, and when dry may be shipped either by parcel post or express, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. If shipped by express send charges collect; if sent by parcel post let me know the amount of postage and I will add the same to your account.

Each skull should be labeled for the locality where killed, and also, when the facts are known, for sex, and approximate date. Your own name should be written on each label and on the outside of each package. Some labels are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson

October 14, 1915

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

On returning from an auto trip into San Benito County, I find your letter of the 6th inst. awaiting attention.

I expect to be in Berkeley next Thursday, the 21st inst., and shall take pleasure in visiting you at the Museum.

What you say about the sequence of zones in the Mono region is certainly of much interest. You must have had a mighty fine trip. I shall be glad to hear about it.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Dr. Joseph Grinnell,
Berkeley,
Calif.



October 14, 1915

Mr. Robert Somerville,
Gardiner,
Montana.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. has just reached me, having been forwarded from Washington. I have not yet seen the grizzly skull you sent me in August, but expect to see it about the end of this month, when I return to Washington for the winter. Will then have a check sent you for the skull. Should you succeed in obtaining any others, I shall be very glad to purchase them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 14, 1915

Dear Nelson:

Thanks for yours of the 6th inst. telling me about the receipt of a grizzly skull from Darbey of Winnipeg, and also informing me that one Frank Townsend has the skulls of five bears killed on Bering Glacier. You advise me to correspond with Townsend, which I should be very glad to do if you will kindly give me his address, this having been omitted from your last letter.

We have just returned from an interesting auto trip in San Benito County, and had hoped on reaching home to find word that you would be here in a few days.

As we expect to set out for Washington inside of two weeks, please do not forward any more mail.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. E. W. Nelson,
Biological Survey,
Washington,
D. C.

October 15, 1915

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Since you were here we have been on an automobile trip of a little over 300 miles to the Pinnacles in San Benito County -- a fine place and well worth visiting. We had a beautiful camp under some of the largest live oaks I ever saw. We ascended both canyons, the nearer known as Bear Gulch, the other three miles farther on known as Pinnacles Canyon. Both penetrate the Gabilan Range from base to summit, and both abound in splendid rocky cliffs, buttresses and canyons, with plenty of good cold water in spots. The coloring of the rocks is surprisingly brilliant, and is due in the main to lichen of various colors -- red, yellow, blue, green, and gray, the red predominating over large areas. Huge rocks in the bottom of the canyon are completely covered with moss. Both canyons are open-forested with live oaks, blue oaks, digger pines, dwarf ash, and the beautiful holly-leaf cherry. We saw deer, quail, and wild pigeons in both canyons, and watched a couple of deer while eating breakfast at camp.

The fall meeting of the Tamalpais Conservation Club is to be held on Bootjack Trail, west of West Point on Sunday, and is a picnic lunch affair. There will be addresses by a number of people, including Alice Eastwood. Zenaida has written Emily, hoping that she will be able to go with us, and we are looking for her today.



It was good to have you here even for so short a time. Another year I hope you may see more of the country hereabouts.

Since Susie succeeded with your assistance in getting both hind feet on the ground she has not met with any misfortune.

Very many thanks for the information you kindly gave concerning the Visalia Building and Loan Association. I shall take advantage of it at once, and I am indebted to you for putting me on the right track.

Mrs. Merriam is going to the city today to meet a woman from Boston who is coming to spend a week or so with us, after which we set sail for Washington. It is a pity to leave such a place as this at this time of year, but there seems to be no help for it.

With best wishes and kindest regards from us all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. George W. Stewart,
Visalia,
Calif.

October 15, 1915

City Postmaster,
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Sir:

After receipt of this please do not forward any more of my mail to Lagunitas, California, but send same to my address at the Northumberland Apartments, New Hampshire Ave. and V Street. This applies to mail addressed to me at the Northumberland and also addressed to my house at 1919 - 16th Street.

Very truly yours,



October 15, 1915

Dear Doctor Badè:

It was good to see you the other day, even for so short a time, and I was particularly glad to learn what you told me about the outlook as to Muir's Alaska book and the Memorial volume.

As I told you, I will try to write a short appreciation of Muir, and will send you one or more photographs which I think you will be glad to use.

You have been working too long hours and had better let up a little to avoid the penalty that is sure to come.

We had hoped for the pleasure of a little quiet restful visit with you here at Lagunitas, but have been so overwhelmed with company from the East that it seemed better to wait until next year for our California friends.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

Dr. William F. Badè,
Berkeley,
Calif.

October 15, 1915

Walter G. Franz, Esq.
Union Trust Bldg.,
Cincinnati,
Ohio.

Dear Sir:

A letter recently received from Winifred Hyland of Telegraph Creek, B. C., informs me that you killed a large grizzly at Klappan Crossing, in August last, and that you might be willing to let us have the skull for theNational Collection. I am writing to ask therefore if you are willing to let us have this skull, and if so if you will kindly send it by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

I shall be glad of course to pay for the specimen and to remit any charges in connection with its transportation.

I expect to return to Washington the latter part of the present month.

Very truly yours,



October 15, 1915

C. L. Johnson, Esq.,
Secretary, Visalia Building & Loan Assoc.,
Visalia, Calif.

Dear Sir:

A short time ago Mr. George W. Stewart of your city called my attention to the Visalia Building and Loan Association as a safe place in which to invest funds at 6% interest.

If agreeable to the Association, I should be glad to purchase 10 shares at $100 each, amounting to $1000, and on hearing from you will send my check for this amount.

My summer address is Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif. My winter house address is 1919 -- 16th St., Washington, D. C. As I am returning to Washington in the near future, I should be obliged if you would kindly send the certificates addressed to me in care of the National Metropolitan Bank, Washington, D. C. Please let me know what the charge for the transmission will be, and I will add same to my check.

Very truly yours,

October 15, 1915

Dear Sheldon:

We were glad to learn from your last letter that Mrs. Sheldon and the new arrival were prospering, and hope they are both in good health.

Since then we have been off on a couple of automobile trips, one to the Santa Cruz Mountains and San Juan valley, the other to Bear Valley and Pinnacles Canyons in the Gabilan Range of San Benito County. Between times we have had so much company that I have not made the hoped for progress in my work.

Your remarks on the apparent present tendency of the Biological Survey coincide entirely with my own feelings in the matter. And I deeply regret that it has seemed necessary to saddle Nelson with so much administrative work that the probability of his finishing his Ornithology of Mexico is growing less every day. On the other hand, Nelson takes kindly to executive work and enjoys authority.

The bear skulls have continued to come in, mainly from Alaska and British Columbia, so I shall have an interesting job on my return in the near future. We expect to be in Washington by the first of November. It is most trying to leave here at this time of year, but I feel that I ought to pitch into the remaining bear material at the





earliest possible moment.

Am glad to know that you have been working on your Alaska notes, by which I assume that you refer to the Toklat and Mt. McKinley region. I earnestly hope that you will be able to bring this book out in the near future.

Shall hope to see you in New York or Washington in the fall or early winter. It is good that you can keep your children in the country so much of the time, where they must be gaining health and strength, and learning how to do things out-of-doors.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in love to you all.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles Sheldon,
Woodstock,
Vermont.

October 15, 1915

Winifred Hyland,
Telegraph Creek,
B. C.
via Wrangell, Alaska

Your letter of September 15 forwarded from Washington has recently reached me here in California.

I am delighted to know that you have shipped four skulls of grizzly bears to the Biological Survey. I expect to return the latter part of this month and will see that a check is sent you promptly.

I wish to thank you also for your kindness in writing me about the bear killed by Walter G. Franz of Cincinnati, to whom I have written by this mail.

Very truly yours,

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our quiet restful home among the redwoods of Lagunitas. Meanwhile we shall not soon forget the miracle you wrought in rejuvenating Mrs. M. She has not shown such agility since our last trip to the Tuolumne country and down Bloody Canyon to Mono Lake, some fifteen years ago.

Any time you want a job as camp cook and general stimulator, don't fail to call on us for the proper recommendation.

With best wishes and kind regards to you both,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Bailey Willis,
Stanford University,
Calif.

October 16, 19.

Dear Doctor Willis:

We followed you back rather closely, arriving at San Jose a little after six. We should have been a half hour earlier but for a freight train which blocked the road for a full half hour.

We were all glad that you were able to take this little trip with us, not only for the pleasure it gave us, but also because we wanted you to meet Dr. Stephens and the Allens -- they are friends worth having.

We are glad to learn from your letter that Mrs. Willis is coming so soon, and regret that the early date of our departure for home will prevent a visit from you this season. Next year however we hope to introduce you both and your children to

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October 16, 1915

Mr. R. L. Gale,
Hubert,
B. C.

Dear Sir:

Can you obtain any skulls of grizzly bears from your region? If so I shall be glad to pay good prices for the same, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition, from $4 each for young skulls, up to $10 for adult females, and $15 or $20 for good old males.

Each skull should be labeled with the locality where killed and your own name, and also with the sex and approximate date if known. A few tags are enclosed herewith.

In case you have any skulls on hand or can purchase any, please wrap carefully and ship by parcel post or express, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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October 16, 1915

Brewester and Moore,
Jasper,
Alberta.

Dear Sirs:

Can you obtain any skulls of grizzly bears from your region? If so I shall be glad to pay good prices for the same, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition, from $4 each for young skulls, up to $10 for adult females, and $15 or $20 for good old males.

Each skull should be labeled with the locality where killed and your own name, and also with the sex and approximate date if known. A few tags are enclosed herewith.

In case you have any skulls on hand or can purchase any, please wrap carefully and ship by parcel post or express, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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October 16, 1915

The American Chauffeur,
251 Butler Bldg.,
Cincinnati,
Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find twenty-five cents in stamps for which kindly send me at 1919 - 16th Street, Washington, D. C. three months' subscription to 'The American Chauffeur' and your book entitled 'Helpful Information'.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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had a rapid and pleasant voyage. I know you will enjoy Honolulu and as much more as you are able to see of the islands. Too bad we have to go home before you come back.

Mrs. Merriam is in the city today to meet Miss Abbot of Cambridge and bring her home this evening. Miss Stewart came this morning to spend Sunday.

With love to you from us all,

Dorothy B. Trout
Fort Shafter
Honolulu

October 16, 1915

My dear Dorothy:

When you went away you left something in the top drawer of your bureau. Not considering it safe to send it in its own form, I am enclosing a substitute herewith, which I trust you will have no difficulty in converting.

It was very good of you to take the time to drop me that nice little note enclosing a posy from the ship. I regretted very much that I was not able to go with the others to see you off. As it was, however, the ferry boat which took me from Sausalito to San Francisco passed close alongside of the "Matsonia", and I strained my eyes to try to see you on the deck, but evidently you had gone below. I hope this is not a bad omen, and trust that you

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his coming has been given us.

We are now beginning to pack for the home trip and expect to reach Washington by the end of the month. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly hold all mail for me until my return.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Mrs. A. B. Morrison,
Biological Survey,
Washington,
D. C.

October 16, 1915

Dear Mrs. Morrison:

Our all too short summer at Lagunitas is about at an end -- a grievous thing to us all. We have had so much company that both field work and office work have been sadly interferred with. At the same time we have accomplished something. Fortunately we are not apt to have another season of this kind.

That you have had a trying time in Washington is obvious by reading between the lines of the few epistles I have had from the Survey. However, we live in the hope that a better time is coming.

We have been expecting for some time to hear that Nelson was liable to arrive any day, but thus far no date of

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to lunch on Friday next, and said he would try to get you also. I hope you can come, and in any case will try to see you.

You asked for a memorandum of the expenses of the Pinnacles trip. Hain's bill including everything was only $25.00, which I paid before leaving. As you paid the entire bill last year, I would feel better if you allowed me to take care of this one.

We were mighty glad to know that Stuart came out of his lip accident without a serious scar.

Our love to you all,

As ever,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
Central Block,
Alameda,
Calif.

October 18, 1915

Dear Doctor Stephens:

We were glad to learn of the excellent time you made on the return trip from Pinnacles. You reached San Jose more than an hour earlier than we did, but we should have been half an hour sooner except for a freight-train blockade which held us back along with a number of other cars.

I thought you would enjoy knowing Bailey Willis, and am glad you found him worth while.

Yesterday we were glad to see Harry Allen and Alice Eastwood at the meeting of the Tamalpais Conservation Club on Bootjack Trail. We walked thence down to Muir Woods and motored back from Mill Valley in the evening.

Harry Allen has kindly asked me

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October 18, 1915

Barney Heins, Esq.
Snettisham,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated October 2 has been forwarded to me from Washington with the information that a skull of a black bear had been received from you early in August.

I expect to return to Washington next week and will see that payment for this skull is sent you about the 1st of November. The skull is that of a black bear, and therefore probably not worth more than $3, or at most $4. For adult skulls of grizzlies from your region I am glad to pay from $10 to $30 each, according to sex, age, and condition, as I think I wrote you before. If you are able to obtain any skulls of grizzlies or big brown bears, kindly ship same to U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and I will see that they are acknowledged and paid for more promptly.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 19, 1915

Dear Miss Nicholson:

Your letter of the 12th inst. has only just come to me at Lagunitas and I am replying by return mail in the hope of reaching you before you leave Philadelphia.

We are setting out for Washington next week and expect to arrive at our home on or about the 1st of November.

Trusting that you will not have left before we arrive,

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Miss Grace Nicholson,
Bellevue-Stratford Hotel,
Philadelphia,
Penn.



October 19, 1915

Mr. W. W. Nisbet,
12 South Broadway,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your List #171 just received. From it I should like to order the following:

1. Alleged Connection of certain Mormons with the Piute and Navajo Outbreak 1882 .50
5. Indian Depredations in Utah. Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of Utah. 1869 $1.00
7. Joint Resolutions of the Legislature of Calif. 1851 .40
8. Letter from the Sec. of the Interior.1853 1.00
9. Report of the Sec. of the Interior (March 1853) 2.50
10. Settlers on the Round Valley Ind. Res. .25
11. Shoshone Indian Lands in Duck Valley, Nev. .40

As I am leaving California the latter part of next week, kindly send the order with the bill to 1919-16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

October 20, 1915

Dear Miss Clemence:

There are so many last things at this end of the line that we may fail to get off on the appointed day. But in any event we are almost certain to reach Washington by November 3 or 4 at latest. So if you have anything to do in New York for the first two or three days of the month, it will be all right if you remain there.

When you come to Washington if you see signs of life in our house at 1919 16th Street, just make yourself known.

With best wishes,

Hastily yours,

A. Hrdlička

Miss Stella R. Clemence,
American Museum,
New York City.

November 5, 1915

Dear Doctor Evermann:

A few days before leaving California Mr. H. S. Allen of San Francisco, one of the leading members of the Tamalpais Conservation Association, spoke to me on the subject of the preservation of the geographic models now on exhibition at the Panama Pacific Exposition. As you doubtless know there are, scattered through various buildings, a number of large topographic, geologic, and geographic models, constructed at great cost, from various parts of the world.

It occurred to Mr. Allen and myself that the difficulty and cost of repacking and reshipping these models, many of them of huge size, would be so great that the countries or organizations to which they belong might be willing to present them to California. Mr. Allen inquired as to whether or not any existing scientific organization would be likely to undertake the task of securing them. I suggested the California Academy of Sciences and promised to speak to you on the subject.





Do you not think that a large room or hall devoted to the exhibition of these models would be of inestimable value to the members of the Academy, present and future, and of great interest to visitors?

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. B. W. Evermann, Director,
California Academy of Sciences,
San Francisco,
Calif.

November 5, 1915

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Insitution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Here is my expense account for October amounting to $264.78, which I shall be obliged if you will pay from the Harriman Fund.

I am enclosing also October and November bills for office rent at the Northumberland at $50 each, amounting to $100, which kindly pay if not already paid.

There are outstanding several vouchers for bear skulls, which I shall send you as soon as I am able to check them up with the skulls received at the Museum during my absence.

Mrs. Merriam, my daughter Zenaida, Miss Allen, and I reached Washington on Sunday, October 31. We came by the Southern Pacific and El Paso routes, passing through the scene of recent Mexican battles at Naco and Douglas, where for some miles Mexican and American troops were busy on both sides of the boundary, and the people correspondingly excited. Several soldiers' wives were sent East from Douglas on our train.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 9, 1915

Frank Townsend, Esq.,
Cordova,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Recently I have learned through Dr. Dearborn that you have several skulls of bears killed on Bering Glacier.

I am anxious to purchase as many skulls as possible of grizzly and big brown bears, and should be very glad to secure those you now have on hand, and any others which you can obtain in the coming season. Each skull should be labeled for the locality where killed, the sex if known, and approximate date of killing, and should also have your own name written on the label. Some labels are enclosed herewith.

The price for the skulls varies according to age, sex, and condition, from $4 each for young skulls, up to $10 or $15 for adult females, and $15 to $25 for good old males. The skulls should be carefully wrapped and shipped by parcel post or express, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



November 9, 1915

Lee & Salisbury,
1832 San Antonio Ave.,
Alameda, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of October 28 has been forwarded to me from Lagunitas. For some time before leaving I had been expecting you to come to see about painting the porch, but as you did not show up, the thing will have to go over until next year.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 9, 1915

Ernest Kirberger, Esq.,
Kake,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On returning to Washington I was very glad to find the two skulls of big bears from Seymour Canal, Admiralty Island, which you sent about the end of September. They are in good condition and I shall be glad to pay $20 for the male, and $12 for the female, making $32 in all. A check for this amount will be sent you in a few days from the Smithsonian Institution. Should you succeed in obtaining additional bear skulls either from the Islands or the mainland, I would be glad to purchase the same at good prices.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.



November 9, 1915

Mr. William M. Bishop,
Superintendent of the Reading Room,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This will introduce Miss Stella R. Clemence, one of my assistants who is doing an extended piece of research for me at the Congressional Library. As there are many extracts and notes to be made, the use of a typewriter would greatly facilitate the work and I should appreciate it if space could be provided for a machine for her use. She will be working there for the next three weeks (possibly longer) and will want to have access to her typewriter between the hours of 9 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

Thanking you in advance for the courtesy of yourattention in the matter,

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

November 9, 1915

Daniel H. Newhall, Esq.
154 Nassau St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

From your Catalogue No. 87 which you were kind enough to send me, I should like to order Item No. 2088.--California and New Mexico. Message from President Taylor transmitting information, etc.1850. Price $7.50.

Very truly yours,



November 9, 1915

The Cadmus Book Shop,
150 West 34th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your Catalog No. 37 recently received. From it I should like to order Item No. 1379, the same being S. A. Mitchell's Accompaniment to New Map of Texas, Oregon and California, Philadlephia, 1846. Price $9.00

Very truly yours,

November 9, 1915

Reginald Leake Gale, Esq.,
Hubert, Bulkley Valley,
British Columbia.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 24 is at hand. Not being familiar with the limits of your district, I am unable to say whether or not I have written anyone else in that region for grizzly skulls. I have however written a number of postmasters in various parts of British Columbia, but it is hardly likely that another of these is in your neighborhood.

As stated in my previous letter, I shall be glad to pay good prices for grizzly skulls, the price varying according to age and condition of the skull, and will take all you can get, whether perfect or otherwise. I am anxious to secure as many as possible during the present year.

Very truly yours,



November 9, 1915

Mr. W. H. Spaulding,
Hawk Inlet,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On returning from California I have examined the two bear skulls you sent me from Hawk Inlet early in the season. The brown bear is a fine male except for the bullet-holes and the loss of some of the front teeth. I value the specimen at $20. The black bear from Kake Village is worth $4, making $24 for the two. A check for this amount will be sent you shortly from the Smithsonian Insitution. Should you obtain any other bear skulls I would be glad to purchase the same.

Very truly yours,

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November 9, 1915

David P. Kane, Esq.
Kaslo, B. C.

Dear Sir:

On returning to Washington recently I found your letter of the 25th inst., and also the grizzly bear skull from Cave Creek, Kootenay Lake, which you were kind enough to send. The skull appears to be a female -- not a male -- and is nearly adult. I value it at $12, a check for which amount will be sent you in a few days by the Smithsonian Institution.

I shall be glad to purchase as many skulls of grizzlies as you are able to obtain, and will pay considerable more for adult males than for females. I regret that tags were omitted from the last letter. Some are sent you herewith.

Very truly yours,

November 9, 1915

E. H. Edwards, Esq.
Atnarko,
British Columbia.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 19, addressed to the Smithsonian Insitution, has been referred to me for reply.

I am anxious to obtain in the near future as many skulls as possible of grizzly bears, and am willing to pay rather long prices for the same, the price varying according to sex, age, and condition of the skull, from $4 each for young skulls, up to $10 or $15 for adult females, and $15 to $25 for good old males. The skulls should be carefully wrapped and shipped by parcel post or express, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Each skull should be labeled for the locality where killed, the sex if known, and approximate date of killing, and your own name should be written on the label. Some labels are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.



November 9, 1915

Dr. Walter Faxon,
Lexington,
Mass.

My dear Doctor Faxon:

On returning from California a few days ago I saw a notice of your recent publication entitled 'Relics of Peale's Museum'.

Having been for some years interested in the history of this Museum, with special reference to the type specimens of mammals and birds which it once contained, I am anxious to see your publication on the subject, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me a copy. Any charges in connection with the same will be very promptly remitted.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

November 10, 1915

Mr. Robert Miller,
Forest Supervisor,
Jackson, Wyo.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 28 is at hand, for which I am obliged. I shall be very glad to accept your offer to send on approval the skin and skull of the grizzly valued at $30, and shall be glad to purchase all skulls of grizzlies you may obtain in the near future.

Each skull should be labeled with the locality where killed and your own name, and also with the sex and approximate date if known. A few tags are enclosed herewith. It is a good plan to place a pad of folded paper between the jaws to prevent breakage of the teeth in transit.

The skulls may be sent either by parcel post or express, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



November 10, 1915

A. M. Collins, Esq.
Collins Manufacturing Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 8th inst. would state that having no information as to the Philadelphia members of the National Geographic Society, I am referring your letter to Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor, Director of the Society.

Very truly yours,

Original Defective

November 10, 1915

Mr. Fred Knevoldsen,
Carmack,
Yukon Territory.

Dear Sir:

Your letter from Pelly, dated September 11, arrived this morning. I am very glad to know that you can secure skulls of grizzly bears from your region. I shall be glad to purchase all you can get during the coming season. Am enclosing labels and tags herewith.

The prices paid for grizzly skulls vary according to sex, age, and condition of skull, as follows: Young skulls $4 each; adult females, up to $10 or $15; and for good old males, $15 to $25.

You are in a most interesting region, and I shall be glad to purchase all the grizzly skulls you can obtain. Would also be glad to purchase a few other skull at the accompanying prices: wolf and black bear $2 to $4 each; 10 skulls each of fisher, fox, lynx, and beaver at 50c to 75c each; 10 wolverine at $1 each; 10 skulls each of mink, marten and weasel at 25c each.

Skulls need not be cleaned. The tongue and thick flesh should be cut off and the brains should be removed through the natural hole in the back of the skull,





care being taken not to cut or break the bones. A label should be tied to each skull stating the locality where killed, sex, date (approximate will do) and your own name. Such skulls when dried may be shipped by parcel post in packages of moderate size. They could be sent by express, charges collect, in case an express office is accessible to you, which I very much doubt.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will send in skulls as promptly as possible whenever you have an opportunity to ship the same, as I am anxious to see as many as possible, particularly those of grizzly bears, early in the spring.

Very truly yours,

Original Defective

November 10, 1915

Mr. Bernard Heins,
Snettisham,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of October 27 just received, and for the damaged skull of large brown bear which you sent at the same time. This is such a fine old male that I am allowing you $20 for it, in spite of the fact that the back part of the skull is badly broken.

The skull of the black bear which you sent the latter part of July I have just seen, and am allowing you $4 for it, making $24 in all. A check for this amount will be sent you shortly from the Smithsonian Insitution.

I hope you will continue to secure bear skulls for us, and shall be glad to purchase at good prices all you send. Be sure that each one is labeled correctly for the locality where killed.

Very truly yours,



November 10, 1915

Dear Doctor Smith:

Your letter of October 24 was written while I was still in California, hence the delay in replying. Personally I know very little about fox farming, but the Biological Survey of late years has been paying a good deal of attention to this subject, and I have asked them to send you everything they have published in this line, including Farmers' Bulletin #328 which you mentioned. Trusting that these publications will prove of service,

Very truly yours,

Dr. William Lord Smith,
42 William St.,
Worcester, Mass.

November 10, 1915

Mr. Barnard Heins,
Snettisham,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 23 was written while I was still in California, hence the delay in replying.

Personally I know very little about the Biological Survey of late years has been doing, but the Biological Survey of late years has been paying a good deal of attention to this subject, and I have asked them to send you everything they have published in this line, including Farmers' Bulletin #328 I am sending herewith. Trusting that these publications will be of service to you, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

November 10, 1915

Dear Doctor Smith:

Mr. J. W. Cochran,
Dear Sir: B. C.

Thanks for your letter of October 23, which reached me during my absence from the Smithsonian Institution. I have your quotation on choice grizzly bear skulls and shall be glad to purchase at good prices all you can obtain. In your letter of each one is labeled correctly as to locality, but I do not see the quotations mentioned in your previous letters. I wish you would kindly advise me at once with any others, in case others have come to hand, so that I may settle the account promptly. If this shall reach me before the end of the present month, the account will go to the Smithsonian the last of November, and a check for the amount will be sent you a few days later.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Dr. William Lord Smith,
12 William St.,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear skulls of grizzly bears suitable for mounting vary somewhat in price but average about $4. If you do not have catalogs which they are listed I shall be glad to give you dealers'

Original Defective

November 10, 1915

Mr. J. W. Cochran,
Barkerville,
B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. has just come to hand and clears up the mystery of the skulls you sent, and which I found here on my arrival from California a few days ago.

In your letters of September 7 and 15 you offered two skulls of adult male grizzlies for $30, which same I agreed to pay on receipt of the specimens as represented. Instead of these I found one adult male and one small cub, both badly damaged by having the under side of the base of the skull cut away.

In your letter of the 5th inst. you say that you did not send the other adult male mentioned in your previous letters. I wish you would sent it at once, with any others, in case others have come to hand before this reaches you, so that I may settle the account promptly. If this skull reaches me before the end of the present month, the account will go to the Smithsonian the last of November, and a check for the amount will be sent you a few days later.

Very truly yours,

Dummy skulls of grizzly bears suitable for mounting vary somewhat in price but average about $4. If you do not have catalogs in which they are listed I shall be glad to give you dealers' addresses.



Nov. 10, 1915

W. H. Case, Esq.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On returning from California a few days ago I found in my back mail a letter from you, dated May 12, on the subject of a big bear which you had killed a short time before.

I regret very much the delay in receipt of this letter, and should of course be glad to purchase the skull if you still have it on hand. I cannot understand why you did not send it at once to the usual address at the Biological Survey, as you know I am always glad to purchase bear skulls at good prices.

Very truly yours,

November 10, 1915

Mr. W. H. Spaulding,
Hawk Inlet,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

It is an odd coincidence that I wrote to you yesterday and have today received your letter of October 26. I am very glad to know that you have two more good skulls of brown bears, and may secure others, and shall be glad to purchase them. I will also take all you get from Baranof Island, provided each skull is labeled for locality where killed. Do not on any account mix skulls from Admiralty Island with those from Baranof or Chichagof Islands. I will take all you get from anywhere, provided each skull is labeled for locality.

You ask about cleaning skulls. I do not know of any simpler way to clean them than by boiling, but it is not necessary to clean the skulls thoroughly, as we have them cleaned after reaching the Museum. The best way is to simply cut off the tongue and remove the brains through the natural opening in the back of the skull, care being taken not to injure the bones. Such skulls should be thoroughly dried but should not be dried near a fire. After they are dried they may be sent either by parcel post or express, addressed to the Biological Survey as usual. Some tags are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



November 10, 1915

Mr. E. W. Darbey,
233 Main St.,
Winnipeg,
Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

On returning to Washington from California I was glad to find the grizzly bear skull which you were kind enough to forward to the Biological Survey on September 25. It is a fine old male, and I regret very much that the locality where it was killed is unknown. However I value the skull at $18, for which amount a check will be sent you from the Smithsonian Institution shortly.

Any other skulls of grizzlies which you may secure I shall be glad to have an opportunity to purchase.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

The base of this skull was cut away. Expect skulls of all males are worth more.

November 11, 1915

Mr. E. M. Axelson,
Yakutat,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

A few days ago I returned from California, and have now looked over the bear skulls that came in during my absence last summer. The largest skull you sent is rather disappointing, not only because the cheek-bones are broken off, but also because the skull is not fully adult. However, I have allowed you $23 for it, $12 each for the two younger males, and $3 for the black bear, making $50 in all, and am turning in a voucher for this amount today. A check will be sent you in a few days from the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



November 11, 1915

F. M. Griswold, Esq.
Editorial Dept.,
San Francisco Chronicle,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter about the proper name of Mt. Tamalpais reached me too late to be attended to before my return to Washington.

I did not deliver any lecture at the meeting of the Tamalpais Conservation Club, but merely stated that the name of the mountain is not Spanish but pure Indian, as used by one tribe inhabiting the surrounding region. 'Tamal' was their name for their own country, while the word 'pais' means mountain. The Indians pronounce it in four syllables Tam-al-pi-is, but it is usually slurred to three syllables with the 'i' rather long.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 11, 1915

Mr. E. M. Axelson,
Yakutat,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

A few days ago I returned from California, and have now looked over the bear skulls that came in during my absence last summer. The largest skull you sent is rather disappointing, not only because the cheek-bones are broken off, but also because the skull is not fully adult. However, I have allowed you $23 for it, $12 each for the two younger males, and $3 for the black bear, making $50 in all, and am turning in a voucher for this amount today. A check will be sent you in a few days from the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I shall be glad to have all the Grizzly & big Brown skulls you can obtain during the coming year.



November 11, 1915

F. H. Griswold, Esq.
Editorial Dept.,
San Francisco Chronicle
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter about the proper name of Mt. Tamalpais reached me too late to be attended to before my return to Washington.

I did not deliver my lecture at the meeting of the Tamalpais Conservation Club, but merely stated that the name of the mountain is not Spanish but pure Indian, as used by the tribe inhabiting the surrounding region. 'Tamal' was their name for their own country, while the word 'pais' means mountain. The Indians pronounce it in four syllables Tam-al-pí-is, but it is usually slurred to three syllables with the 'i' rather long.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Retake of Preceding Frame

November 11, 1915

The Gardiner Studio,
Gardiner,
Montana.

Dear Sirs:

Recently I have seen a small photograph, said to have been made by you, of a black bear standing upright on his hind feet, eating something which he is holding in his front paws. I should be glad to purchase a good print of this photograph, and would also like to know what would be your charge for the copyright use of the same in case I should wish to use it in my forthcoming work on the bears of North America.

Very truly yours,



November 11, 1915

Mr. James Simpson,
Banff,
Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Having returned from California to Washington for the winter, I have just been looking over the bear skulls received since April 1st, and am disappointed in not finding any from you.

As there are no others to add to the account, I am today turning in a voucher for $6.00 for the cub grizzly you sent last spring. A check for this amount will be sent you in a few days.

Should you have any more bear skulls I hope you will send them at once. I believe I wrote you some time ago that I am willing to pay as much as $15 for perfect skulls of adult female grizzlies, and as high as $20 or in some cases even $25 for adult males.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Original Defective

November 11, 1915

Mr. Walter G. Franz,
Union Trust Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

On returning to Washington I was delighted to find your letter of October 20, and the skull of the grizzly bear killed by you about ten miles south of Marten Crossing. It is a splendid old male, and I shall be glad to purchase it for $20, if this will be satisfactory to you. We receive many young skulls of grizzlies, and some adult females, but comparatively few old males like yours.

Very truly yours,



November 11, 1915

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing eight vouchers for skulls of grizzly and brown bears as per the following list, and shall be obliged if you will kindly pay the same from the Harriman Fund. All of these skulls were received during my absence in California and have just been examined.

My new assistant, Miss Stella R. Clemence, whom I engaged last year, came on from New York the first of the month and will continue indefinitely. Her salary for the present will be at the rate of $1400 a year, and I shall be obliged if you will have monthly salary checks sent her at the Northumberland as in the case of Miss Allen.

Please send a few more vouchers as I left in California for next year those you sent to Lagunitas.

Very truly yours

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| E. M. Axelson | $50.00 |
| Will C. Barnes | 15.00 |
| E. W. Darbey | 18.00 |
| Bernard Heins | 24.00 |
| David P. Kane | 12.00 |
| Ernest Kirberger | 32.00 |
| James Simpson | 6.00 |
| W. H. Spaulding | 24.00 |

Original Defective

E. M. Axelson

Yakutat, Alaska

| 1915 | | |
|---|---|---|
| Nov. 11 | 1 Skull of male grizzly bear from Yakutat Bay. Alaska | 23 00 |
| | 2 Skulls of young male grizzlies from " " | 24 00 |
| | 1 Skull of black bear | 3 00 |



Will C. Barnes

Washington, D. C.

| 1915 | | |
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| Nov. 11 | 1 Adult grizzly bear skull from Wind River Mts., Wyoming | 15 00 |

$15 00

Fifteen

E. W. Darbey

233 Main St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

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| 1915 | | | |
| Nov. 10 | 1 Skull of male Grizzly Bear from British Col. | | 18 00 |
| | ---------eighteen---------- | | $18 00 |
| | 18.00 | | |



Bernard Heins

Skottishan, Alaska

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| 1915 | | | |
| Nov. 10 | 1 Skull, large grizzled brown bear from Skottishan, Alaska | | 20 00 |
| " " | 1 Skull black bear from Skottishan, Alaska | | 4 00 |
| | ---------twenty-four---------- | | $24 00 |
| | 24.00 | | |

David P. Kane, Esq.

Kasaan, Alaska.

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| 1915 | | | |
| Nov. 9 | 1 | Skull of grizzly bear from Kasaan, Alaska | 12.00 |
| " " | 1 | Skull of big brown bear, female, from Admiralty Island, Alaska | 12.00 |
| | | | $12.00 |



Ernest Kirberger

Baranof, Alaska.

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| 1915 | | | |
| Nov. 9 | 1 | Skull of big brown bear, male, from Admiralty Island, Alaska | 20.00 |
| " " | 1 | Skull of big brown bear, female, from Admiralty Island, Alaska | 12.00 |
| | | | $32.00 |

James Simpson

Banff, Alberta, Canada

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| 1915 | | | |
| Nov. 11 | 1 Skull of young grizzly from Alberta | | 6 00 |

6.00

$6 00



W. H. Spaulding,

Hawk Inlet, Alaska

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| 1915 | | |
| Nov. 9 | 1 Skull of big brown bear, male, from Hawk Inlet, Alaska | 20 00 |
| " " | 1 Skull of black bear from Kake Village | 4 |

$24 00

24.00

November 11, 1915

Sir:

In connection with my work on the Natural History of the Northwest I have occasion to write many letters to postoffices in various parts of western Canada, particularly Yukon, British Columbia, and Alberta, and am consequently in need of an official Canadian Postal Guide. If you will kindly send me a copy of this document with the bill for same, I will remit at once.

If you have a map showing the postoffices and postal routes, I shall be glad to purchase a copy also.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Deputy Postmaster General,
Ottawa,
Canada.

November 11, 1915

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I enclose my check on the National Metropolitan Bank for $500, the same being repayment to the Smithsonian Institution of amount advanced to me for field expenses early in May.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



November 11, 1915

Reginald Atkinson, Esq.
97 Sunderland Road,
Forest Hill,
London, S. E.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my money order for 2s 8d for which kindly send me O'Donnell's Werwolves as offered in your Catalogue No. 18, recently received. The item number is 736.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

400

November 11, 1915

Mrs. J. Hyland,
4077 17th St.,
San Francisco,
Calif.

My dear Mrs. Hyland:

Thanks for your letter of October 16, which was received on my return to Washington.

Neither of the two lots of skulls you were good enough to send me have as yet arrived, although the first shipment should have been here before this. If you have any information as to the name of the company by which it was shipped, I will be obliged for the same, and will write or wire them at once. In the case of previous shipments there have been delays at both Wrangell and Seattle, so that specimens were a good while in transit. Payment for these skulls will be made soon after their receipt.

Mr. Walter G. Franz has sent me the skull you were kind enough to write about. It is a fine old male, and I am mighty glad to have it.

Thanking you for your assistance in the matter, and hoping the skulls will arrive in the near future,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

November 13, 1915

Mr. W. W. Canfield,
519 California Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Canfield:

When you wrote me in October I was still in California, but am now back at my Washington base for the winter.

I remember you very well in connection with our delightful trip to Fremont Peak.

Probably you have not heard of my change of base. I resigned from the Biological Survey in the spring of 1910, since which I have been engaged mainly in work on North American mammals. Just now I am trying to complete a book on the big bears of North America. Therefore it is more than five years since I have employed anyone in the field and I do not see any likelihood of doing anything of this sort in the future. From time to time, however, openings occur in connection with the field work of the Biological Survey, particularly in the line of the destruction of noxious animals, chiefly wolves and coyotes. Should you come East this winter, I shall be very glad to see you and will introduce



you to those in charge of the work of the Biological Survey.

With best wishes and kind regards to your family,

Yours truly,
C. Hart Merriam

November 13, 1915

Mr. Remington Kellogg
Museum, University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Kellogg:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th inst. Yes, the white bear of Lewis and Clark and many other early explorers was the big Plains grizzly, the true Ursus horribilis, the status of which was in doubt for more than three quarters of a century. In all probability it was the grizzly of the plains of western Kansas, although it is possible that one of the Colorado species, Ursus bairdi, reached Kansas. I fear it is too late to determine this, owing to the absence of skulls.

I should be very glad of any grizzly references from Kansas, and should also thank you for the record you have succeeded in digging up for the black bear in Comanche County. I have not yet discovered this record. You are probably right in assuming the form to be amblyceps, although we have no positive information on this point, but since amblyceps occurs in New Mexico and parts of Colorado, it would be likely to occur in Kansas also.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam



November 13, 1915

Powner's Book Store,
33--37 N. Clark Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me the following books listed from your 1915 Catalog No. 11:

61 Massett, S.C. "Drifting About" Price $1.00

68 List of Books on California and the Pacific Coast Price $2.00

73 Resources of California Price $1.00

410 Grinnell, G.B. Story of the Indian Price $0.50 (2 copies)

423 Remington F. Way of an Indian Price $0.60

Yours very truly,
C. Hart Merriam

November 13, 1915

The Cadmus Book Shop,
150 West 34th Street,
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Please send me the following books listed from your 1915 catalog No. 36:

956. Barber E. A. Utah Dialects, Ancient Art in Northwestern Colorado; Mallery, G. Calendar of the Dakota Nation; Eells, M. Twana Indians. together 4 vols. Washington. Price $1.25

1007. Huntington, D.B. Vocabulary of Utah and Sho-Sho-Ne or Snake Dialects. 3rd ed. Salt Lake City, 1872 Price $2.50

1015. Kroeber, A.L. Basket Designs of the Indians of Northwestern California. Berkeley, 1905 Price $0.75

1016. Kroeber, A.L. Languages of the Coast of California South of San Francisco. Berkeley, 1904 Price $0.75

1022. McKay. Daring Donald McKay. Erie, Pa., 1884 Price $1.25

1051. Rust, Horatio N. Obsidian Blades of California. 1905, 1906. Lancaster, v.y. Price $1.00

1052. Sapir, Edward. Yana Texts, together with Yana Myths collected by Roland B. Dixon. Price $1.00

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

November 15, 1915

Mr. G. Milton Ames,
Gardiner,
Montana

Dear Sir:

Vernon Bailey, of the Biological Survey, tells me that you are in a position to secure skulls of grizzly bears. I am anxious to obtain as many grizzly skulls as possible, and will pay good prices for the same, the prices varying according to age, sex, and condition of skull, from $4 to $20. Each skull should be labeled with the locality where killed, the sex, and approximate date, and also with your name. Skulls should be carefully packed to prevent breakage in transit. They may be sent either by Parcel Post or by Express, and should be plainly addressed to the U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Express packages may be sent charges collect. Labels and shipping tag are enclosed herewith.

Hoping you will be able to secure skulls,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



November 15, 1915

Mr. Charles Bayer,
Lander,
Wyoming

Dear Sir:

Vernon Bailey, of the Biological Survey, tells me that you are in a position to secure skulls of grizzly bears. I am anxious to obtain as many grizzly skulls as possible, and will pay good prices for the same, the prices varying according to age, sex, and condition of skull, from $4 to $20. Each skull should be labeled with the locality where killed, the sex, and approximate date, and also with your name. Skulls should be carefully packed to prevent breakage in transit. They may be sent either by Parcel Post or by Express, and should be plainly addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Express packages may be sent charges collect. Labels and shipping tags are enclosed herewith.

Hoping you will be able to secure skulls,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 15, 1915

Mr. Thomas Alderson,
Wilson (Via Salesville),
Montana

Dear Sir:

Vernon Bailey, of the Biological Survey, tells me that you are in a position to secure skulls of grizzly bears. I am anxious to obtain as many grizzly skulls as possible, and will pay good prices for the same, the prices varying according to age, sex, and condition of skull, from $4 to $20. Each skull should be labeled with the locality where killed, the sex, and approximate date, and also with your name. Skulls should be carefully packed to prevent breakage in transit. They may be sent either by Parcel Post or by Express. and should be plainly addressed to the U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Express packages may be sent charges collect. Labels and shipping tag are enclosed herewith.

Hoping you will be able to secure skulls,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.



November 15, 1915

Mr. Thomas Michener,
Salesville,
Montana

Dear Sir:

Vernon Bailey, of the Biological Survey, tells me that you are in a position to secure skulls of grizzly bears. I am anxious to obtain as many grizzly skulls as possible, and will pay good prices for the same, the prices varying according to age, sex, and condition of skull, from $4 to $20. Each skull should be labeled with the locality where killed, the sex, and approximate date, and also with your name. Skulls should be carefully packed to prevent breakage in transit. They may be sent either by Parcel Post or by Express, and should be plainly addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. Express packages may be sent charges collect. Labels and shipping tags are enclosed herewith.

Hoping you will be able to secure skulls,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

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Duplicate to
J. J. Ballinger
Gardiner Montana
Letter returned by P. O.

November 15, 1915

Mr. Alex Johnson,
Wilson (Via Salesville),
Montana

Dear Sir:

Vernon Bailey, of the Biological Survey, tells me that you are in a position to secure skulls of grizzly bears. I am anxious to obtain as many grizzly skulls as possible, and will pay good prices for the same, the prices varying according to age, sex, and condition of skull, from $4 to $20. Each skull should be labeled with the locality where killed, the sex, and approximate date, and also with your name. Skulls should be carefully packed to prevent breakage in transit. They may be sent either by Parcel Post or by Express, and should be plainly addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Express packages may be sent charges collect. Labels and shipping tag are enclosed herewith.

Hoping you will be able to secure skulls,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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November 16, 1915

Mr. Robert Miller,
Jackson,
Wyoming

Dear Sir:

Pardon me for bothering you again. You may remember that on November 10 I wrote you from California in the hope of obtaining specimens of Grizzly Bear, particularly skulls, as Vernon Bailey told me that you were in a position to supply material of this kind.

Hoping to hear from you,

Very truly yours,

C. Ha

November 16, 1915

Mr. Allen Sales,
Salesville,
Montana

Dear Sir:

About three months ago I wrote you offering to purchase a specimen (skin and skull) of a Grizzly Bear which I had been told you offered for sale at $20. Not having heard from you, it occurs to me that you may value the specimen at a higher figure. If so, if you will kindly send it by express, charges collect, addressed:
U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., I will make an offer for it and if you do not accept, will return the specimen to you at my own expense.

Very truly yours,



November 16, 1915

Mr. Rudolph Rosencrans,
Moran,
Wyoming

Dear Sir:

At the instance of Vernon Bailey, I wrote you on September 24, hoping to secure one or more skulls of the Grizzly Bear. Not having had any reply, I take the liberty to write again, and shall be very glad if you will let me know whether or not you expect to be able to get any Grizzly skulls for us. I am always glad to pay good prices for such skulls, the prices ranging from $4 to $20, according to age, sex,and condition of skull. In case you send any skulls, please attach label to each, giving sex, locality where killed and approximate date, and also writing your own name on the label.

Very truly yours,

November 16, 1915

Mr. Steve Elkins,
Kalispell,
Montana

Dear Sir:

Your note in the November number of Outdoor Life on killing a Grizzly in Montana, reminds me that I have not yet received any skulls from you. Can you not send the skull of this Grizzly and possibly others? I am always glad to pay the highest price for skulls of Grizzly Bears, the price varying according to sex, age and condition of skull. Specimens should be addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. They may be sent either by Parcel Post or by Express; if sent by Express, they should be marked charges collect. A shipping tag and a few labels are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



November 15, 1915

Outdoor World Publishing Co.,
2 - 16 West 33rd Street,
New York City

Dear Sirs:

On my return from California I find the numbers of Recreation from June to November inclusive, except the August number which is missing. I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly supply a copy of the August number.

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

November 17, 1915

Meredith Janvier's,
14 West Hamilton Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly send me on approval Porter's Big Bear of Arkansas, No. 86 in your 1915 catalog No. 4? If I do not wish to keep the book, I will pay the charges on the same both ways.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 17,1915

Faust Printing Co.,
Reading, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me Pennsylvania Deer and Their Horns. by Henry W. Shoemaker, with bill for same, as I do not know the price.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam



November 17, 1915

W. W. Nisbet,
12 South Broadway,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I beg to ackonwledge the receipt of your typewritten list no. 187, from which I already have nos. 1,3,4,& 5. I shall be obliged if you will send me the remaining numbers -- namely 2 and 6 to 22 inclusive.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

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November 18, 1915

Dr. Walter Faxon,
Lexington,
Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Faxon:

Very many thanks for your paper on Relics of Peale's Museum, which came this morning. It is most interesting and important, and all ornithologists will owe you a debt of gratitude for your labor in preparing it for publication.

Are there no mammals in the collection, which might have been types? Do you know what became of those brought back by Lewis and Clark and by the Major Long expedition?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 19, 1915

Hudson Book Co.,
25 West 42nd Street,
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Replying to the memorandum at the bottom of your receipted bill which came this morning, would state that it will be difficult to obtain the package you sent to Lagunitas. If you sent it by mail, I can probably have it forwarded by sending the necessary postage, but if by express the package is likely to be at San Geronimo, there being no express office at Lagunitas, as I have written you more than once.

Respectfully,



November 19, 1915

Potomac Electric Power Co.,
213 14th Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Referring to the accompanying bill of $6 just received from you for current at my office, apartment 701, the Northumberland, would state that I left Washington on May 10 and notified you of the fact, and did not return until Sunday, October 31st, during which period of five and a half months no current was used in my apartment. That the current was actually turned off is obvious from the fact that when I tried to turn on the light on my return on Sunday, October 31st, there was no response. I then telephoned your office and the man answering the phone stated that he would, if possible, send someone up to put on the current, but was not sure that he could do this before Monday. I asked the janitor if he could attend to it and he replied that he could not, but later he made the connection with a fuse and on Monday the current was on.

I am perfectly willing, of course, to pay for the month ending in May and for November, but not for the intervening period from June 1 to October 31, when my office was closed and no current used.

Respectfully,

November 19, 1915

Noah Farnham Morrison,
314 - 318 West Jersey Street,
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Thanks for Steen's map received this morning, but as your bill does not give the date, and the slip with the date was returned to you with my order, I am lacking the most important information about the map. I shall be greatly obliged, therefore, if you will kindly give me the date and place of publication. The item was No. 509 of your catalog.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

cred in part ($1.50) this date.



November 19, 1915

James Adair,
626 Hennipin Street,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

In your Special List of books, pamphlets, and maps recently received, you advertise (45) Scenes of Wonder and Curiosity in California, pp. 276, 1861, at $4. If this copy contains 276 pages (instead of 267), and is dated on the title page, 1861, you may send it to me.

Please send me also (29) John Frost's History of the State of California, Auburn, 1850, $1.50.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam -

November 20,1915

P. Stammer,
127 East 23rd Street,
New York City

Dear Sir:

Your recent catalog contains two items which I should be glad to see, if you will kindly send them on approval: (418) Withrow, Native Races of North America,1895; (706) Reminiscences of Travel, Middletown. If not wanted, I will return immediately, paying charges both ways of course.

Very truly yours,

S. Hart Merriam

November 20, 1915

Mrs. J. Hyland,
4017 17th Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Hyland:

This is merely to announce the safe arrival of your two shipments of bear skulls. I have just had a phone message telling me of their safe arrival at the Museum. I will see them in a day or two, and a check for the amount will be sent you about the first of December.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam



November 20, 1915

Hudson Book Company,
25 West 42nd Street,
New York City

Dear Sir:

Thanks for advance list 36 just received. I shal be obliged if you will send me on approval from this list:

(74) Dodge: Biographical Sketch of James Bridger, 1905, $3.75
(76) Farnham: Early Days of California, 1860, $4.
(114) McCall: Pick and Pan Trip to the Diggings, 1883, $10.
(178) Shortfield: Narrative of Adventures in the Western Wilderness. 1849, $5.50

In case any of these are not wanted, I will return same immediately, prepaid of course.

Yours very truly,
C. Hart Merriam

November 22, 1915

Mr. Henry W. Thomas,
71 Broadway,
New York City

Dear Mr. [illegible]:

You are very kind to send me another batch of your interesting publications, for which I am greatly obliged. I am particularly glad to have your little book on Pennsylvania Deer and Their Horns, and shall read with interest Penn's Grandest Cavern. It is a fine thing that you are putting on record so much good material which otherwise would be lost. In fact, it is hard to see how at this late date you have been able to collect so much of value.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



November 23, 1915

The Torch Press Book Shop,
Cedar Rapids,
Iowa

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for catalog No. 64. From this I shall be glad to have you send me:

(38) Hutchin's California Magazine, 2 nos. 1858 $.75

(90) Upham's Fremont, 1856 $1.00

Your notice of (35a) Benjamin: Drei Jahre in Amerika, is not detailed enough to tell me whether or not it contains material on California Indian tribes with names of tribes. If if does, I shall be glad to purchase it, otherwise not.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 23,1915

Dr. Charles D. Walcott,
Secretary, Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Walcott:

Enclosed is a brief memorandum concerning my work during the past year. Your letter of October 27, asking for this statement, reached my office before my return from California and got in with about eight bushels of accumulated mail which I have been unloading, and has only just come to light.

Hoping that the delay has caused you no inconvenience,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



Dr. C. Hart Merriam, operating under the Trust Fund established by Mrs. E. H. Harriman, has continued the study of the Big Bears of North America, and the preparation of manuscript and illustrations for the press. Owing to the scarcity of specimens of some of the less known species, final effort was made to obtain additional skulls, and several hundred letters were written to hunters, postmasters, and others, mainly in Alaska, Yukon Territory, and British Columbia. The result was more fruitful than anticipated, more than fifty skulls having been received. These have proved of inestimable value in clearing up points previously in doubt as to the characters of several of the species.

The labor of searching the literature relating to early exploration, hunting, and travel for records of bear and other animals, has been continued, and large additions have been made to the files of material relating to North American mammals and to the Indian tribes of California and Nevada. But owing to the desirability of completing the bear work as early as possible, less field work than usual was done.

November 24, 1915

Mr. W. S. Berry,
The Gardiner Studio,
Gardiner, Montana

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 17th inst. would say that Vernon Bailey has just shown me the photographs you sent him, from which I have made the following selections: Of the large prints (6 X 8) - (22) Buffalo, (33) Mountain Lions in Tree, (44) Elk, (58.y) Jackson Lake with Mountains in Distance, (1:03?) Band of Antelope. Small size (post-card size) nos. 4, 37, 41, 49, 51.s, 55.s, 63.s, 94.s, 95.s, 97.s, 98.s, 99.s.

In addition to the prints, I should like slides of 22, 33, 44, 63.s, 94.s, 95.s, and 99.s.

You did not reply to the inquiry in my last letter as to what you would charge for the copyright use of 63.s, the bear standing upright on his hind feet.

All the prints will be returned by Vernon Bailey.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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November 26,1915

P. Stammer,
127 East 23rd Street,
New York City

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your courtesy in sending on approval Withrow's Native Races and a nameless author's Reminiscences of Travel. The books arrived this morning and I find to my regret that they do not contain any material of interest to me. I am, therefore returning them prepaid today (parcel post, insured).

Your catalog No. 2 (1915) contains titles of four books which I shall be glad to purchase:

654. Knobel's Wild Animals of North America,1908. $2.50
660. Poland's Fur-Bearing Animals, 1892. $3.00
665. Taylor's Beaver's, Their Ways, etc. 1906. $2.50
670. White's Popular History of Mammalia. 1850. $1.75

Kindly send these with bill for same and oblige.

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

Add 4 cents postage on the book
in hand.

November 27,1915

Mr. John W. Chapman,
Anvik,
Alaska

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Thanks for your letter of October 5, which arrived this morning. I am delighted to know that you think it likely that you may be able to obtain skulls of brown or grizzly bears from your region. As stated in my previous letter, I shall be very glad to pay good prices for as many skulls as you are able to obtain. As directions for collecting and shipment were contained in that letter, I will not repeat.

Hoping to hear from you in the early spring,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.



November 27, 1915

Mr. William L. Finley,
Oregon Sportsman,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Finley:

The receipt this morning of the Oregon Sportsman for October containing an article on Steens Mountain, gives me an unplesant feeling, and reminds me that the name of this most interesting uplift is usually, if not always, misspelled in your Journal. Steens Mountain was named many years ago in honor of Lieutenant Steen of the Army. Consequently the spelling "Stien" used in the Oregon Sportsman is absolutely incorrect.

In this connection, it might be well to bear in mind that you have in Oregon, with headquarters I believe in your own city of Portland, a rather active State Board on Geographic Names, which Board cooperates with our Government Geographic Board. The last complete publication of the findings of the Government Board was published by the Government Printer in 1911, subsequent to which, the Board has published only appendices.

I am glad to see the continued excellence of the Oregon Sportsman. Every number contains matter of interest in connection with my work.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

November 27, 1915

Dear Coll:

Thanks for yours of the 16th. What you tell me about the damage done by beavers is interesting, but sad. You obviously have a valid claim against the State. Perhaps you did not notice an article in the Boonville Herald of May 27, 1915, announcing that the State Board of Claims had awarded William G. Barrett and William A. Guinard of the town of Webb, Herkimer County, $1900 damages for trees destroyed by beavers which had been liberated on Eagle Creek. The award was made by Judge Rooney and two Associate Judges. This would seem to establish an excellent precedent for you.

Very truly yours,

C. Merriam

Mr. C. Collins Merriam,
Lyons Falls,
New York



November 27, 1915

Powner's Book Store,
33 - 37 North Clark Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for $2.43 in payment of accompanying bill.

No, I do not want the 1874 edition of Hittell's Resources of California. What I wanted was the first edition.

Very truly yours,

C. Merriam

November 27, 1915

Mr. Remington Kellogg,
Museum, University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Kellogg:

Many thanks for your letter of the 17th inst., giving me the bear records. The book you mention -- Personal Narrative of James O. Pattie -- I read more than ten years ago. As I remember it, his records of the great abundance of grizzly bears at the eastern base of the Rocky Mountains related to Colorado south of Denver. His narrative impressed me as abounding in the spirit of exaggeration often prominent in hunters' tales.

It would be a great thing if you could locate the skull picked up on Smoky Hill River. If you find it and it is in fair condition, I would gladly pay $50 for it, perhaps more.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

November 29, 1915

Offices of Provincial Government,
Toronto,
Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

I have recently been informed that your office has issued an excellent map of British Columbia. Such a map would be of much assistance to me, and I should be very glad to purchase a copy of the same if you will kindly inform me of the price.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



November 29, 1915

Hon. W. W. Cory,
Deputy Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

The map sheets of the Dominion covering Yukon, British Columbia, and Alberta, and also the detailed maps with the accompanying literature as mentioned in your letter of the 20th inst. have just arrived, for which I am very much obliged. The maps and documents will be of great assistance to me in my work.

Thanking you for your generosity in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 29, 1915

Hon. R. M. Coulter,
Deputy Postmaster General,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. is at hand, together with a copy of the latest issue of the Canada Postal Guide, and maps for the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. All of these will be of great assistance to me, and I wish to thank you for your generosity in sending them.

I am obliged also for your kindness in telling me about the map of British Columbia, issued by the Provincial Government of Ontario at Toronto. I am writing them by this mail, hoping to obtain a copy.

With many thanks for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

A. Hart Merriam.

November 30, 1915

Mr. Henry W. Shoemaker,
71 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Shoemaker:

Your letter about the collection of African trophies in the Smithsonian Institution, deposited by the brother of Miss Nevin, I have just referred to Mr. Gerrit S. Miller, who has charge of the mammal department in the Museum, as the case is one over which I have no jurisdiction. Mr. Miller will doubtless write you on the subject.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.



November 30, 1915

Hudson Book Co.,
25 West 42nd St.
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

The books and pamphlets you were kind enough to send on approval November 24th have just arrived. Of these I am glad to retain #74 Dodge, 76 Farnum, and 178 Shortfield, amounting with expressage to $13.50. The pamphlet 114 by McCall. Pick and Pan, A Trip to the Diggings, I do not care to keep and am returning herewith by parcel post insured.

A check for $13.50 will be sent you in a few days from the Smithsonian Institution.

Respectfully.

C. Hart Merriam.

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November 30, 1915

Mr. Eugene Jacquot,
Kluane Lake,
Yukon Terr.,
Canada.

Dear Sir:

On my return from California I found the grizzly bear skulls which you sent at the request of Mr. Homer Sargent. These skulls are all young.

I am anxious to obtain as many skulls of grizzlies as possible from your region, particularly skulls of old males and old females, and shall be only too glad to pay good prices for the same. I hope you will be able to secure several more in the early spring. If so, please send them as promptly as possible, addressed as before: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Some tags are enclosed herewith. Please attach one to each skull so that there may be no question as to the locality where it was killed.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I am writing to Mr. Sargent, telling him of the safe arrival of the skulls, and thanking him for the same.

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November 30, 1915.

Dear Mr. Sargent:

On returning from California I found four skulls of young grizzly bears from the Kluane Lake region, sent by Jacquot at your instance. It is exceedingly kind of you to continue to help us in this way. The skulls are of considerable interest, and I greatly appreciate your courtesy in presenting them to us.

Owing to the urgency of the bear work, I felt it necessary to return from California much earlier than any of us wanted to, but hope to offset this in a measure by an early journey to the coast in the spring.

With best wishes to Mrs. Sargent and your self,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Homer E. Sargent,
Lakota Hotel,
Chicago,
Ill.

November 30, 1915

Mr. Ernest P. Walker,
Wrangell,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 10 came duly, but the box containing the six bear skulls has not yet arrived. It will probably be along in a short time however, and after its receipt I will see that a check for the amount is sent you promptly. I hope most of them are grizzlies, since grizzly skulls from the Chilkat Valley will be of considerable interest.

I shall be glad also to purchase all the grizzly bear skulls you can get during the coming season.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



November 30, 1915

Mr. J. J. Pitts,
Windermere,
B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 9 arrived duly, and was followed some time later by the skull of a young female grizzly from Toby Creek, Kootenay district.

I am very glad to have this skull, for which a Smithsonian check for $8 will be sent you in a few days.

I hope you will succeed in obtaining a number of skulls in the early spring, as I shall be glad to purchase all you can get, and will pay good prices for the same.

Some tags are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 30, 1915

Mr. James Simpson,
Banff,
Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. came duly, but the grizzly bear skull which you said you would send at once has not yet arrived. If you have not already sent it, I hope you will do so in the near future, and that you will send any others that you may be able to get hold of as promptly as possible. As previously stated, I am glad to pay good prices for grizzly skulls.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.

A few tags are enclosed herewith.



November 30, 1915

Dr. T. S. Palmer,
Chairman, Advisory Committee on
Mammal Nomenclature,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Palmer:

In connection with the majority and minority reports which I understand have been presented to your Committee, I wish to express my disapproval of fiat names. My objection to the establishment of names on this principle is based on the fact that no agreement has ever been arrived at in the past or is likely to be arrived at in the future, as to just what names should be included in this category.

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam.

December 1, 1915

Capt. J. P. Hubrick,
McCarthy,
Alaska.

My dear Sir:

Since my return from California I have examined the three bear skulls you sent us in July, and find that they were correctly reported by the Biological Survey. There is only one Brown Bear (or Grizzly) in the lot, and it is a female, for which I allowed you $22.00. There is also a large black bear skull in rather poor condition, for which I allowed $3, and one fragment of a skull practically worthless, entered at $1.00, making $26.00 for the batch, which really was a good stiff price in view of the quality of the material.

I am always willing to pay top notch prices for skulls of grizzly and big brown bears, and shall be glad to purchase any you may secure during the coming season.

Thanks for the specimens of minerals, which I will turn in to the Mineral Department of the Museum.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



December 2, 1915

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I enclose expense account for the month of November amounting to $60.63, and also the bills mentioned on the following list, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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| For books: | | |
| | Cadmus Book Shop | $9.00 |
| | " " " | 4.00 |
| | Hudson Book Co. | 13.50 |
| | Stammer | 7.25 |
| | Torch Press | 9.01 |
| For office furniture: | | |
| | Yawman & Erbe | 33.50 |
| | Globe Wernicke | 21.00 |
| For bear skulls: | | |
| | Walter G. Franz | 20.00 |
| | Fred J. Roehl | 84.00 |
| | Mrs. John Hyland | 52.00 |
| | Ernest P. Walker | 52.00 |
| | Pitts | 8.00 |
| | Case | 20.00 |

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The Northumberland, Washington, D. C.

November account

| 1915 | | Sub Voucher | |
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| Nov. 9 | R. P. Andrews Paper Co.--Note books & Supplies | 1 | 2 05 |
| " 11 | Daniel H. Newhall--Calif. and New Mexico | 2 | 7 50 |
| " 17 | Amer. Ornithologists' Union--Index to Auk | 3 | 3 00 |
| " 18 | M.F.Morrison--Map of Western Terr. | 4 | 1 50 |
| " 19 | W. W. Misbet--Pamphlets on Indians | 5 | 6 60 |
| " 20 | Marsh & Co. No. 1 Crown Tripod | | 5 50 |
| " 20 | Marsh & Co. 6 films for 3A camera at 70c | | 4 20 |
| " 22 | Minneapolis Book Exchange--Frost's Calif. | 6 | 1 50 |
| " 24 | Lamb and Tilden--Ink pad for rubber stamp | 7 | 95 |
| " 26 | R. P. Andrews Paper Co.--Pencil sharpener | 8 | 2 50 |
| | Expressage on books from Minneapolis | | 30 |
| | " " " New York | | 28 |
| | Street car tickets for work at Library of Congress | | 1 00 |
| " 27 | Services of charwoman for cleaning office apartment and waxing floors (fall house-cleaning) | 9 | 6 00 |
| | Floor wax, polish and rubber | | 3 05 |
| | Janitor office apartment | | 1 00 |
| | Stamps and stamped envelopes | | 2 21 |
| | Pins for office use | | 24 |
| | Subscription to Rod and Gun in Canada for 1915 | | 1 50 |
| | " to Mazama Magazine for 1915 (2 copies) | | 1 00 |
| | Receipts not at hand for October account: | | |
| Sept. 16 | Hudson Book Co. --Green's Journal of Tour on Northwest Coast (Missent) | 10 | 2 50 |
| Oct. 23 | W. W. Misbet--Indian Publications | 11 | 6 05 |
| | | | $60 63 |

----------sixty---------- sixty-three----

60.63

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Walter G. Franz

Union Trust Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio

Nov. 23 Skull of old male grizzly from Klappan Crossing, British Columbia 20 00

$20 00

----------twenty---------- ----no----

20.00

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Fred J. Roehl,

Iliamna, Alaska

1915

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| Nov. 30 | 2 Skulls of old male Brown bears from Iliamna at | 22 | 44 00 |
| | 2 Skulls of old female Brown Bears " " " | 15 | 30 00 |
| | 1 Skull of female young adult " " | | 10 00 |

$84 00

------eighty-four---------- -----no--------

84.00

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Mrs. John Hyland

4077 17th St., San Francisco, Calif.

1915

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|---|---|---|
| Nov. 30 | 5 Skulls of grizzly bears, male and female, from north of Stikine River, B. C. | 4000 |
| | 3 Skulls of grizzly cubs; same locality | 1200 |

$5200

----------fifty-two--------- ----no------

52.00

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Ernest P. Walker

Wrangell, Alaska

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| 1915 | | | |
| Nov. 30 | 2 Skulls adult male grizzly bears from Chilkat Valley, Alaska | | 30 00 |
| | 1 Skull adult female grizzly -- same locality | | 12 00 |
| | 1 " grizzly cub | " " | 5 00 |
| | 1 " adult black bear | " " | 4 00 |
| | 1 " " " (imperfect) | | 1 00 |

$52.00

------fifty-two---------- ----no---

52.00

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J. C. Pitts,

Windermere, B. C., Canada.

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|---|---|---|
| 1915 | | |
| Nov. 30 | Skull of young female grizzly bear from Toby Creek, British Columbia, Canada | 8 00 |

$8 00

----------eight---------- ----no--------

8.00

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W. H. Case,

Juneau, Alaska

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1915 Nov. 30 | Skull of old male Big Brown Bear from Admiralty Island, Alaska | | 20 00 |

$20 00

----------twenty---------- ---- no----

20.00

C. Hart Merriam

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December 3, 1915

Mr. Fred J. Roehl,
Illiamna,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 3 arrived a few days ago, and I was disappointed to learn that you had not received a check for your first shipment of skulls. You should receive with this letter a check for $84, covering all the skulls.

If you are able to secure any more skulls of brown or grizzly bears during the coming spring, I shall be glad to purchase the same. Please address same to the Biological Survey as before.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

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December 3, 1915

Mr. J. R. Pemberton,
71 Clarendon Ave.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Pemberton:

On looking over the September-October number of the Condor I was much interested in the article by yourself and Carriger on 'Birds of Monterey County', and particularly in the accompanying map. I was somewhat shocked however to find that you have introduced a broad tongue of Lower Sonoran into Salinas Valley. This is so extraordinary and so opposed to my own observations as to the faunal relations of that valley, that I hope you will be willing to give me the facts on which your action was based.

Your article abounds in matters of interest which it is a great thing to have properly recorded for reference, and your photographs of the forest on Santa Lucia Peak carry me back to the happy days I spent there some years ago.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

December 3, 1915

Dear Mr. Storer:

Your letter from Yosemite Valley, with reference to a card catalogue of California Place Names, reached me several days ago. Does it not seem a pity that the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology should be duplicating so much work done by the Biological Survey and by me personally? But I realize that life is short, and that workers in the same field can hardly be expected to wait for one another to publish.

For the past twelve or fifteen years I have been preparing a Historical Gazetteer of California and Nevada Place Names, and have accumulated several thousand cards. Samples of several of these are enclosed herewith. One of the objects in view is to give the origin of the name when known, and its first use. The necessary data naturally come to light on bringing together the cards obtained from various publications. In this connection I have carded, amongst others, the names officially recognized in the early years by the California Legislature. I give references to maps of course, as well as to published texts. But I have not taken the time to indicate the exact position of localities by the Land Office system of Section





and Range, except in rare cases where this seems to be the only way of locating the place with sufficient exactness.

Some time ago you asked for a batch of my separates. I am sending you a package of these by express today, addressed to the Museum. Unfortunately I am unable at this late date to supply a complete set. I assume you have the numbers of North American Fauna containing my papers. If not, I can send you most of them.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Tracy I. Storer,
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology,
Berkeley, Calif.

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December 3, 1915

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

This morning the enclosed rent and telephone bill of $52.90 arrived. As I sent in my accounts yesterday, I am forwarding this herewith.

Very truly yours,

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December 4, 1915

Dear Mr. Taverner:

Yes, I am very glad to send a copy of my 'Descriptions of Thirty New Bears' to Mr. Frederick Lambart, and am doing so by this mail. It was an oversight that one did not go to him when first published.

We returned from California the last day of October, and are now busy on the winter's work, trying to finish the Bear Book. During the summer, as a result of an immense amount of letter writing, about fifty skulls came in, mainly from British Columbia and Alaska. Still many gaps remain, and I shall probably have to publish without waiting for any more material.

Have you heard from Allan Brooks? We have worried about him a good deal, and earnestly trust that he will return.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Mr. P. A. Taverner.
Geological Survey,
Ottawa,
Canada.

December 4, 1915

Dear Mr. Lambart:

Mr. Taverner has just called my attention to an oversight for which I wish to apologize -- for not sending you my paper containing the description of your new bear from the Alaska-Yukon Boundary. I am sending you a copy herewith. You will find the description on pages 177-178. Please bear in mind that this publication is merely a preliminary one to put on record the new species. My book on the Big Bears, which I hope to finish this winter, will contain all I have been able to learn about the various species, and will be illustrated.

Owing to the extreme scarcity of specimens of the Subarctic species, many perplexing questions remain unsolved. A young bear collected by Mixter on the mainland near Barter Island is very peculiar in color, as is also one of two skins without skulls, sent in by Leffingwell some years ago. The other of Leffingwell's skins is colored in the usual grizzly way. To date your skull is the only one of an adult grizzly thus far examined from the Arctic or Subarctic west of the Mackenzie.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson

Mr. Frederick Lambart,
Astronomical Branch,
Dept. of Interior,
Ottawa, Canada.

December 6, 1915

Mr. Milton Ames,
Gardiner,
Montana.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 26 has just arrived, and I am delighted to know that you can secure skulls of grizzly bears. Can you not send me now the two you already have, to be followed in the spring by such others as you can secure? While I am anxious to obtain perfect skulls and pay the highest prices for such, I am at the same time glad to secure <u>all</u> skulls of grizzlies, perfect or imperfect, and will pay what they are worth according to condition.

Hoping to hear from you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



December 6, 1915

Mr. W. S. Berry,
The Gardiner Studio,
Gardiner,
Mont.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 1st inst., and the photographic prints which have just arrived in perfect condition. The prices you have charged me for these are too low, hence I am sending you $2.98, the amount called for in your new price list, which is low enough. Kindly make out a revised bill in accordance with these prices, and send me the same receipted.

I am very glad to have these excellent photographs of game animals, and should be glad to have you send me for selection prints of any animals of any kind which you may take in future.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 7, 1915

Dear Doctor Shreve:

In cutting up some back numbers of 'Science' I have come across a rather curious criticism by you of what you alleged to be my views on the control of geographic distribution. You are quoted as saying that: "It is illogical to take temperature as the sole criterion of the limits of distributional regions." In this I agree with you perfectly. And if you can find in any of my writings anything to the contrary, either stated or implied, I shall be very much obliged if you will call my attention to the record.

To the best of my recollection, what I have always said is that of the numerous factors influencing distribution, temperature and humidity are most important, and of these two, temperature in general is the most potent. By this I mean that temperature is the most important factor in determining the larger zone boundaries, while within each zone the humidity and a number of other conditions determine the presence or absence of particular species at particular places.





Are not you and Mrs. Shreve coming to Washington during the winter? If so we shall be most happy to see you.

With best wishes to you both, and compliments of the season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Forrest Shreve,
Botanical Laboratory,
Tucson, Ariz.

December 7, 1915

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Many thanks for the map of Europe just received. It will be a great convenience. The clearness of the place names will be appreciated by those of us whose eyes are not so sharp as they used to be.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor, Director,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.



December 7, 1915

Mr. William Harvey Miner,
Torch Press Book Shop,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Miner:

Thanks for your courtesy in sending the publications asked for on approval. I kept all three, and at the end of the month sent to the Smithsonian Institution a voucher for payment ($9.01 is the amount). A check for this sum has probably been sent you already.

I am obliged for Catalogue 64 'Americana' from the Museum Book Store, which you were good enough to send. From it I should like to order #168 Perouse, 1798. 35s.

There is another book in this catalogue which I am in doubt about, and cannot find in our Congressional Library. It is #139 'Gold Region of California' 1849. If it contains names of California Indian tribes I shall be glad to purchase it; if not, I do not care for it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 8, 1915

Dear Mr. Allen:

Ever since my return I have been trying to find time to write you on the Tamalpais matter, but have not yet been able to do so. I expect however to attend to this within the next few days. This is merely a line to ease my conscience and let you know that the thing had not been forgotten.

Just as we were leaving Lagunitas for the East, I received a note from Congressman Kent enclosing a statement of a few lines regarding the name Tamalpais, and asking me to sign and return the same. After making one or two corrections I did this.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Allen and yourself, in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Harry Allen
88 - 1st Street,
San Francisco,
Calif.



December 8, 1915

Dear Professor Boas:

Replying to your letter of yesterday, would say that the day previous to its receipt I sent in my vote for Professor Cattell as Chairman of the Section of Anthropology and Psychology for the coming three years.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Prof. Franz Boas,
Columbia University,
New York City.

December 9, 1915

Woodward & Lothrop Co.,
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly send me with the bill the following books published by the Houghton Mifflin Company:

Muir, John. Travels in Alaska

Stewart, Elinore P. Letters on an Elk Hunt

Chase, J. Smeaton & Saunders, C. F. California Padres and their Missions.

Schultz, J. W. Sinopah
" Quest of the Fish Dog Skin
" On the War Path

Also the following work published by Lippincott:

Dall, Wm., Biography of Baird

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.



December 9, 1915

Powner's Book Store,
37 North Clark St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly send me with the bill a copy of E. Deakin's Twenty-one Missions of California. 1889 75c offered as item # 66 in your recent catalogue.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam
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December 9, 1915

W. W. Nisbet,
12 South Broadway,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst., I shall be glad to purchase Reports of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the years 1850 and 1851. The others mentioned on your slip I already have.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 11, 1915

Dear Mr. Henn:

Your letter of November 26 reached me promptly and I intended to write you the next day, but owing to a mix-up of papers incident to house-cleaning, your letter was mislaid, and although searched for earnestly, did not come to light until this morning. I should have written you without waiting to find your letter except that I did not remember the address you gave.

What you say about your South American bears (Tremarctos) interests me very much, and if you have not already disposed of the specimens, I should be glad to pay a good price for them. I would suggest that you ship them Charges Collect, addressed: Dept. of Mammals, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.

As soon as I am able to examine them I will make you an offer. Should we not agree on a price, which is hardly probable, I will return them to you at my expense.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson

Mr. Arthur W. Henn,
Hartley Hall,
Columbia University,
New York City.



December 11, 1915

Noah Farnham Morrison
314 -- 318 West Jersey Street,
Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Please send me the following Books from your 1915 catalog:

No. 3690. Larpenteur. Forty Years a Fur Trader 1898 $6.00

No. 3785. Manuscript Journals of Alexander Henry and David Thompson, E. Coues, Ed., 1897, $10.00

Yours very truly,

E. W. Nelson

December 13, 1915

Dear Mr. Taverner:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 9th inst. You don't know how glad I am to get tidings of Brooks, and how earnestly I hope his good luck will follow him to the end.

By the way, do you happen to know anything about Comeau? The last time I heard from him he was setting out on a canoe expedition for the east coast of Hudson Bay.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



December 13, 1915

Hudson Book Company,
25 West 42nd Street,
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Your recent catalog of Americana, Advance List 37, includes the following books which I shall be glad to see, if you will kindly send them on approval:

76. W. J. Keeler. National Map of the Territory of the U. S. from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean. 1867. $10.00

82. Journal of F. Laroque. 1910. $2.25

152. J. Speer. Sketches of Death Valley. 1892. $2.00

161. W. Allen. The Sheep-Eaters. 1913. $3.00

175. A. Gatschet. Analytical Report upon Indian Dialects. 1876. $1.75

A. Gatschet. Indian Languages of the Pacific States. 1882. $2.00

E. Meeker. Personal Experiences on the Oregon Trail Sixty Years Ago. 1912. $1.00

J. Richardson, N. Vigors, et al. The Zoology of Capt. Beechey's Voyage. 1839. $25.00

If not wanted, I will return immediately, paying charges both ways, of course.

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

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December 13, 1915

Woodward & Lothrop Co.
Washington
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly add to my recent order the following books published by Scribner:

Grinnell, George B. 'The Fighting Cheyennes'
Osborn, Henry F. 'Men of the Old Stone Age'

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I should also like to order E. Marshall Scull's 'Hunting in the Arctic and Alaska, published by J. C. Winston Co.

December 16, 1915

R. P. Andrews Paper Co.
Thirteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Kindly send me with the bill 1M Sheets of your Woronoco Bond Paper without printing of the same quality and size as the sheet on which this order is written.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 16, 1915

Woodward & Lothrop Co.
F & 11th Sts.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Recently I ordered from you a copy of John Muir's 'Travels in Alaska' and have just received in place of it S. Hall Young's 'Alaska Days with John Muir'. I shall be very glad to keep the latter work but am still desirous of having a copy of Muir's book.

Kindly send also a copy of Roget's Thesaurus, latest edition.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 17, 1915

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Acting on your kind suggestion that each member of the Board send you the addresses of four persons to whom copies of your new Souvenir Volume on Washington might be sent, I submit the following for cloth-bound copies:

C. Collins Merriam, Lyons Falls, New York
Mrs. E. B. Gardner, San Geronimo, Calif.
Mrs. Charles J. Hittell, Rural 21, Box 39A, San Jose, Calif.
Miss Gretchen Higgins, Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor,
Director, National Geographic Society,
Washington,
D. C.



December 17, 1915

Hudson Book Co.,
25 West 42nd St.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for yours of the 14th inst., and for the publications sent on approval. The latter arrived less than an hour ago. Two of them (Nos. 37-100 and 37-122) I do not care for and am returning herewith prepaid. All of the others I will retain. A check for the amount of ($21.00) will be sent you about the first of January.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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December 22, 1915

Mr. Charles J. Bayer,
Lander, Wyo.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th inst. relative to grizzly bear skulls. I am pleased to know that you have located one skull, and trust that you will be able to secure and ship it to us in the near future. Yes, I am anxious to obtain as many grizzly bear skulls as possible, and will always pay good prices for the same.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 23, 1915

Dear Seton:

Replying to yours of the 21st inst. would state that a long account of the incident you mention was published in 'Outdoor Life' page 598, December 1909. The young woman whom the mountain lion attacked died of blood poisoning a little later.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Ernest T. Seton,
11 West 34th St.,
New York City.

December 27, 1915

Mr. W. E. Clyde Todd,
Carnegie Museum,
Pittsburgh,
Penn.

Dear Mr. Todd:

Your letter of the 22nd inst. is at hand.

It seems that it would hardly be worth while for you to come on here without a definite engagement with Mr. Grosvenor. The present week is one of the busiest of the whole year, and I doubt very much if you could see him much before the middle of January.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam



December 27, 1915

Miss Ada Wright,
Reference Librarian,
Syracuse Library,
Syracuse, New York.

My dear Miss Wright:

Referring to your letter of the 21st inst., would state that all volumes of the Harriman Alaska Expedition are now in the hands of the Smithsonian Institution, and may be had at prices very much lower than those originally charged by the publisher. I have no copies other than my personal set, and have nothing to do with the distribution of the books.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

December 28, 1915

Dear Mr. Thayer:

Thanks for your letter of the 21st inst. just received.

I have been intending to write you for many weeks back, but have kept delaying in the hope of obtaining success in a series of experiments conducted with the assistace of chemists here, with the object of dissolving the hard scale from the Lagunitas water, which I brought home for the purpose. But this scale proves so obdurate that for the present I give it up. However, I still believe that common washing soda (carbonate of soda) in hot water will soften and loosen the stuff so that it may be washed out if you attach a strong hose to the detached radiator. My trouble was that I did not uncouple the radiator, and could not of course drive the water out through the small hole in the petcock.

Before I forget, I must ask you to please send me the 1915 license plate number of the car, as I have to give it in my application for a new license.

Now for the car: I wish you would give





it a thorough overhauling so that it will be sure to be in good condition for next season's work. The valves may or may not need cleaning, but the connecting rods probably need taking up to lessen the noise. It may be also that the timing gears should be tightened. You will remember that they are Helical gears with the tightening nuts on the front of the case.

The piston rings also doubtless need attention, as there seems to be a decrease in power with increase in carbon. If they need renewing, you will of course use the kind you believe to be best.

It would be a fine thing if you could regulate the oil float in the crank case. The facts of the oil feed at present are: excessive feed in early morning; correct feed during middle part of day; scanty feed in afternoon. To my mind this indicates two things: First, that the oil floatvalve does not close properly, allowing too much oil to come into the crank-case while the car is standing at night; that the copper-pipe leading from the oil tank to the crank case is too small, not allowing sufficient oil to flow after the excess in the crank-case has been used. My suggestion is that you put a slightly larger pipe from the oil tank to crank-case, and regulate the float carefully

so that it will not strike the pipe in the crank-case (which acts as an obstruction if the adjustment is not exact). However, I leave this all to you, as after examining the thing your judgment will be far better than mine. It may be that the present oil-feed pipe is partly obstructed by dirt.

Please tighten the bolts that hold the motor blocks in place. You will remember that these were loose last summer.

You had better examine and put fresh grease in the hub bearings, and clean and put fresh oil in the transmission and differential.

The water pump probably needs repacking. The carburetor strainer doubtless needs cleaning.

You suggested taking the springs apart for a thorough cleaning and greasing. By all means do this.

Please remove the leather covering over the steering elbows and knuckles, clean the same and pack with grease.

The steering-post bearings may need fresh grease.

The brakes and brake-rods should be looked after and adjusted so that the wheels will be free when the brakes are not in use; so that the pressure is the same on the two





sides, and so that the emergency will hold the car on a grade -- which it will not do now.

The exhaust and muffler may need cleaning.

You will remember the absence of a grease cup at the front end of one of the hind springs. If you think of any way to attach a grease cup here I wish you would do so, as it seems to me an important bearing. The one on the opposite side of the car has a cup but the cup is not in working order. Please fix it and work in plenty of grease.

The escutcheon over the front of the crank shaft was lost. Can you put on a new piece which will make the thing look right?

Please have new celluloid windows fitted into the back curtain so that they will all be alike.

As to repainting: After you have straightened out the hood and fenders as well as you can, I would like to have them painted with a dull black finish, and the same should be put on the parts that need it on front of the car. There is a bad blemish on the left side of the body near the wind-shield. If the painter can remedy this I would like to have him repaint top and front of the dash in

front of the wind shield, and down the sides in front of the front doors. I don't remember the exact finish here, but you can easily tell where the new painting should end.

The most serious trouble with the car at present is heating, due, I assume, to the deposit of scale in the radiator and various connections. I hope therefore that you will pay special attention to the water cooling system and clean it out as well as you possibly can.

You understand that I want you to put the whole car in first class condition, attending to anything which needs attention whether I have mentioned it or not, so that next summer we may have a minimum of trouble.

The battery you have doubtless sent to the Willard Service Station in San Francisco as suggested before I left.

A year ago I was told that 40 pounds was the proper pressure for deflated tires, but the Silvertown Cord people now tell me that this is too much -- that a pressure of 10 or 15 pounds is sufficient.

I have recently purchased an Oakland 38, which is giving us excellent satisfaction. For my personal use





I would prefer the Little Six, which has wonderful power, but the rear seat is too short for three people and there was no place for a tire pump.

My new garage is just finished and will be a great comfort. The front door opening is 11feet 6 in. in width. There also is a rear door leading into the garage from the house, which is mighty convenient. The skylight is 8 feet by 4½, and there are four side windows so that it is well lighted by day, and after dark we have an abundance of electric light. I wish you could see it.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in kindest regards and best wishes for a happy New Year to Mrs. Thayer, yourself and brother. Remember me also to your father and the other men in your shop.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Wilbur Thayer
Thayer's Garage,
San Rafael,
Calif.

You forgot to send extra bill.

December 30, 1915

Mr. Oscar T. Landry,
Bella Coola,
B. C.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of December 17 just received. The grizzly bear skull you mentioned sending has not yet arrived, but will doubtless come in the near future. It will be paid for soon after its arrival.

I shall be glad to purchase all the skulls of grizzly bears that you are able to obtain between now and next summer, and will pay good prices for the same, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition of skull.

All packages should be addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. One of the enclosed labels should be attached to each skull, giving the locality where killed, the sex if known, the approximate date, and your own name.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



December 30, 1915

Editor,
Rod and Gun in Canada,
Woodstock, Ont.

Dear Sir:

The January number of 'Rod and Gun in Canada' has just arrived. It contains an interesting photograph showing three white snow-shoe rabbits on the ground, and a couple of others hanging nearby, and is labeled as taken by Sel. J. Wigley. Will you kindly give me Mr. Wigley's address or tell me where the photograph was taken?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 30, 1915

Mr. Leonard Frank,
Alberni,
B. C.

Dear Sir:

The last number of 'Rod and Gun in Canada' contains the reproduction of a photograph, credited to you, of a big buck said to have been taken on Vancouver Island. This surprises me very much for the reason that the tail seems too long and the horns too big for the Vancouver deer. I am writing to inquire therefore if the picture is correctly labeled.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



December 31, 1915

Mr. Joseph L. Hill,
Katalla,
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated November 3 has just arrived, and the skull referred to has also reached us, for which I am obliged. I am glad to know that you have eight more skulls of Brown Bears, males and females, and shall be pleased to purchase all of them and as many more as you are able to obtain. I am anxious to see these as early as possible in order to compare them with others in our collection before publishing. I hope therefore that you will be able to secure and ship them at the earliest possible moment.

A check for $15 will be sent you in a few days. for the skull just received.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

One of the enclosed labels should be attached to each skull, giving the locality where killed, the sex if known, the approximate date, and your own name.

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December 31, 1915

F. L. J. Boettcher, M. Sc.,
1211 G Street, N.E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 29th inst. with enclosure reached me this morning.

I have not been attending the meetings of the Pan-American Congress, and do not know anyone to whom I could appropriately send your communication. I therefore return the same to you herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 31, 1915

Hope Brewer, Esq.
Athalmer, B. C.
E. K. District

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 16 has just arrived. I am glad to know that you have the skull of a two-year old Grizzly, and am still more pleased to hear that you are in a position to obtain additional skulls from Indian hunters in your region. I am anxious to purchase as many skulls as possible of Grizzly Bears, and will pay good prices for the same, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition of skull. Old skulls are worth much more than young, and adult males are worth a good deal more than females.

On receipt of your skull I will make you an offer for it at once. Skulls may be sent either by express or by parcel post, and should be addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Enclosed are a few labels. One of these should be filled out and attached to each skull. Your own name and address should be written on the outside of each pack-



age so that there may be no mistake as to who sent it.

It is not necessary to clean skulls completely. It is enough to remove the tongue and cut off the thick flesh. The brains should be removed through the natural hole in the back of the skull, taking care not to cut the bone. Skulls should then be dried, and as soon as dried should be shipped to us.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson

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December 31, 1915

Dear Mr. Henn:

Your letter of December 17 came duly, and the skin and four skulls of Tremarctos from Ecuador arrived shortly afterward. But having been more or less laid up with a bad cold, I have only just seen them. For the lot I will offer $150. If this is satisfactory to you please let me know, and I will see that this amount is sent you.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Arthur W. Henn,
Hartley Hall,
Columbia University,
New York City.

January 5, 1916

Mr. William R. Green,
Greendale via Linwood,
Utah.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 5 has only just reached me. I am very glad to hear from you and to learn that you have another grizzly. Please send this one as soon as you can, addressed as before: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Please attach a tag to the specimen, giving the locality where killed, sex, approximate date, and your own name. Also please write your name on the outside of the package.

In the case of this last specimen, is it a skull alone or is the skin with it?

On returning from California the end of October I wanted to pay you $90.00 for the specimen you sent in in April, but was not able to learn your address. I would send the amount now except for the fact that you have another specimen, and it may be better to pay for both at the same time. If therefore you will send this in at once, I will settle for both about the end of the present month.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



January 3, 1916

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I enclose my expense account for December amounting to $42.26, and the following bills and vouchers which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

| | | |
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| Yawman & Erbe | 2 Steel transfer cases of four drawers each | $28.80 |
| Andrews Paper Co. | Paper | 5.15 |
| Hudson Book Co. | Books and Maps | 21.00 |
| N. F. Morrison | Books | 15.00 |
| General Fireproofing Co. | Vertical Steel File Case | 27.00 |
| Woodward & Lothrop | Books | 23.00 |
| Joseph L. Hill, Katalla, Alaska | Bear Skull | 15.00 |
| Zenaida Merriam | Services | 22.50 |
| Office rent Northumberland and telephone | | 54.00 |
| Arthur W. Henn | Bear Skulls and Skin | 150.00 |
| J. D. Cochran | Bear Skulls | 33.00 |

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The Northumberland, Washington, D. C.

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| Dec. 2 | Lamb & Tilden Set of type and holder | 1 | 5 | 00 |
| " 3 | Scott & O'Shaughnessy Calif. Pamphlets | 2 | 1 | 25 |
| " 8 | Arthur H. Clark Co. Life of Col. J. C. Fremont | 3 | 1 | 88 |
| " 9 | Subscription to 'Field and Stream' for 1916 | 4 | 2 | 50 |
| " 11 | " "Oregon Sportsman" for 1916 | 5 | | 50 |
| " 11 | Gardiner Studio Photographs of game animals | 6 | 2 | 98 |
| " 11 | N. M. Minnix Co. Security Box | 7 | 3 | 75 |
| " 13 | John D. Sherman 'Ives' Rept. on Colorado' | 8 | 1 | 17 |
| " 14 | R. P. Andrews Paper Co. Clips for paper | 9 | | 55 |
| " 14 | N. M. Minnix Co. Binder strips | 10 | 1 | 45 |
| " 15 | Powner's Book Store | 11 | | 99 |
| | Subscription to 'Sunset Magazine' for 1916 | | 1 | 50 |
| " 16 | Typewriter Supply Co. 2 Typewriter ribbons | 12 | 1 | 50 |
| " 28 | Byron S. Adams Printing letterheads | 13 | 2 | 25 |
| | Potomac Electric Power Co. Electric current | 14 | 1 | 20 |
| | T. O. Smallwood 'Rules Zoological Nomenclature' | | | 50 |
| | Subscription to 'Outdoor Life' for 1916 | 15 | 1 | 50 |
| | Street car fares for work at Library of Congress | | 2 | 00 |
| | Stamps and stamped envelopes | | 1 | 76 |
| " 31 | Services of charwoman, Office apartment | 16 | 3 | 00 |
| | Janitor, Office apartment | | 1 | 00 |
| | Subscription to 'Bird Lore' for 1916 | 17 | 1 | 00 |
| Receipts not at hand for November account: | | | | |
| Nov. 23 | Powner's Book Store, Books on Indians | 18 | 2 | 43 |
| " 26 | R. Atkinson O'Donnell's 'Werwolves' | 19 | | 60 |
| | | | $42 | 26 |

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Joseph L. Hill

Katalla, Alaska

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| Dec. 31 | Skull of female Grizzly Bear from Bering Lake, Alaska | | 15 00 |
| | | | $15 00 |

-----fifteen---------- ------- ------no-----

15.00

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Arthur W. Henn

Hartley Hall, Columbia University, New York City

1915

Dec. 31 4 Skulls and 1 Skin of the Spectacled Bear (Tremarctos ornatus) from the mountains of Ecuador 150 00

$150 00

-----one-hundred and fifty--------  ------no-------

150.00

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J. D. Cochran,

Barkerville, B. C.

1915

Dec. 28 2 Adult male skulls of Grizzly Bears from Indian Point Creek, B. C. at $15.00 30 00

Skull of female Grizzly cub 3 00

$33 00

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33.00

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Woodward & Lothrop

Washington, D. C.

Books

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| Dec. | Grinnell, G. B. 'Fighting Cheyennes' | 3 50 |
| | Dall, Wm. 'Biography of Baird' | 3 50 |
| | Roget 'Thesaurus' | 1 50 |
| | Muir, John 'Travels in Alaska' | 2 50 |
| | Osborn, H. F. 'Men of the Old Stone Age' | 5 00 |
| | Young, S. Hall 'Alaska Days with John Muir' | 1 00 |
| | Stewart, E. P. 'Letters on an Elk Hunt' | 1 00 |
| | Chase and Saunders 'California Padres and their Missions' | 2 50 |
| | Scull 'Hunting in the Arctic and Alaska' | 2 50 |
| | | $23 00 |

-------twenty-three---------- -----no------

23.00

C. Hart Merriam

January 6, 1916

Dr. Bailey Willis,
Stanford University,
Calif.

Dear Doctor Willis:

A promising young ornithologist named J. R. Pemberton was with you, if I am correctly informed, during part of your South American work. Would you mind telling me how he panned out as to faithfulness, energy and ability? Anything you may wish to say confidentially will be so regarded.

With best wishes and compliments of the season to Mrs. Willis and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



January 6.,1916

Dear Chapman:

Day before yesterday I tried to connect with you and Mrs. Chapman, and was greatly disappointed to learn that you had fled. I was disappointed also to learn, after it was all over, that you had given a splendid talk before the American Association. Many others were in the same fix as myself, not having heard of the thing at all until it was all over. My cold, which has continued, has kept me housed so much that I missed the Pan-American show altogether.

Regretting that we did not see more of you and Mrs. Chapman while you were here, and hoping that you will stop again on your way South,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Frank M. Chapman,
American Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

January 6, 1916

Mr. J. D. Cochran,
Barkerville, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of December 20, which came a few days ago, and was soon followed by the grizzly skull referred to, which I am very glad to have. I have now received three skulls from you -- two adult grizzlies and one grizzly cub. For the adults I am allowing $15 each; for the cub $3, making $33 in all. A check for this amount will be sent you from my Fund in the Smithsonian Institution in a few days. I shall be glad to purchase all the grizzly skulls you can obtain during the present year.

The best way to rough out bear skulls for shipment is to cut off the tongue and thick flesh, and remove the brains through the natural opening in the back of the skull, care being taken not to cut the bone itself. Skulls thus roughly cleaned should be dried for a couple of weeks, after which they may be sent to the Biological Survey either





by express or parcel post. Each skull should be carefully labeled with the locality where killed, sex if known, approximate date, and your own name. A few tags are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson

January 6, 1916

Mr. J. R. Pemberton,
Ventura Refining Co.,
Colton, Calif.

Dear Mr. Pemberton:

Many thanks for your reply to my inquiry concerning the basis for your assignment of Salinas Valley to the Lower Sonoran. As I suspected, you have followed a previous map on which the original error occurred.

You did well to obtain a collection of birds and photos during the time you were in Patagonia with Bailey Willis. I wish I could have seen the splendid country you were so fortunate as to traverse. It would be a great pity if you allowed this matter to drift without putting your notes on record, and I hope you will take the time to write an article on the subject while still fresh in your memory.

It may be that you will need assistance in the identification of some of the birds, in which case it would be well for you to send specimens to Dr. Frank M. Chapman, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



January 6, 1916

Mr. Sel J. Wigley,
Edgerton,
Alberta.

Dear Sir:

The January number of 'Rod and Gun in Canada' contains an interesting photograph by you, showing a number of white rabbits and grouse. I assume that the photograph was taken in the neighborhood of Edgerton. Is this correct?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

January 7, 1916

Dr. John M. Clarke,
State Museum,
Albany,
N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Recently I have been informed that the State is selling Fuertes' 'Portfolio of Bird Plates' from Eaton's 'Birds of New York State' at the astonishingly low price of 50 cents per copy. Assuming this to be correct, I am enclosing $1.60 (10c for bank exchange), and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly have three copies sent to the above address.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



January 7, 1916

Dear Mr. Taverner:

It is comforting to know that Comeau returned from his Hudson Bay trip, and that Dr. Townsend met him last summer -- and I am obliged to you for the news.

At the bottom of your letter you mention a bear skull from Pt. De Witt Clinton. This interests me greatly, as I have been utterly unable to see enough material from the Arctic to justify final conclusions concerning the land bears of that region. I am wondering therefore if you could not loan me this skull for a short time. Have you any other bear material from Arctic or Subarctic America, excepting black bears, which I do not care to take up again at present?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. P. A. Taverner,
Geological Survey,
Ottawa,
Canada

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January 8, 1916

Mr. Arthur W. Henn,
Hartley Hall,
Columbia University,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Henn:

Your letter of the 1st inst. reached me duly, and I was glad to know that you would accept my offer of $150.00 for your four specimens of Spectacled Bears from Ecuador. I sent the Smithsonian a voucher for this amount to be paid from my Fund in the Institution. A check has probably been sent you before this.

When the skulls are cleaned it will be interesting to compare them with some in our collection from Peru.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 10, 1916

Dear Mr. Thayer:

When writing you the other day I forgot to mention the rear tire irons. You may remember I spoke to you about these before leaving. They have been bent forward so that the distance between the extra tire and the back of the car is not sufficient to hold our bed and camp cloth. They should be bent back a little so that the top of the extra tire will be about six inches from the body of the car.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Wilbur Thayer,
Thayer Garage,
San Rafael,
Calif.



January 10, 1916

Subscription Department,
Washington Star,
Washington,
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Several weeks ago I wrote you complaining of the late delivery at my house 1919 -- 16th Street of the Sunday 'Star'. Following this letter the paper was delivered between 7:30 and 8 o'clock until the Sunday before last, when it did not come until after 8. Last Sunday, yesterday, it was not delivered until 8:30. As stated in my former letter, the only time I have to look at the paper is between 7:30 and 8 o'clock, at which time I leave for my office. Therefore if it is not practicable to have the paper delivered by about 7:30, you may discontinue my subscription.

Last winter, a year ago, I was greatly annoyed by the same trouble and wrote you several times.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 10, 1916

Dear Mr. Kennan:

Thanks for your letter of the 7th inst., and for the little book entitled 'The Chicago and Alton Case' which arrived this morning. I have read it through with the greatest interest, and feel a personal obligation to you for the thorough manner in which you have exposed the misrepresentations as to Mr. Harriman's purchase and reorganization of the Road. Your showing of the facts seems to me unanswerable; and at the end you appear to have ripped Ripley so deeply that neither surgeon nor psychologist will ever be able to restore him to an honorable position in human society.

In reading the book I am much impressed with the vast amount of studying you must have done along lines which I assume to have been entirely new to you, and which you evidently have mastered.

With congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Kennan and yourself,

Very truly yours,

E. H. Harriman

January 11, 1916

Mr. A. L. Fearrien,
Bair Ranch,
Redwood Creek via Arcata,
Calif.

Dear Sir:

This morning I received a batch of newspaper clippings stating that in November last you killed a grizzly bear weighing about 900 pounds. I am very much interested in this, as I am preparing a book on the bears, and for some years have been purchasing all the grizzlies I can get hold of for our National Museum Collection here in Washington.

I should like very much to secure the skin and skull of the grizzly you killed, and if in fair condition will pay from $50 to $75 for the same, according to their fitness for Museum purposes. Even if the skull is injured I will pay a good price for it.

If you are willing to dispose of the specimen, kindly ship skin and skull by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture,





Washington, D. C.

I am interested to know where you killed this bear. Was it on Trinity Summit or somewhere else? And can you give me the date? Was it a male or a female?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

the redeeming facts, which if told would have nullified its conclusions.

On the other hand, it is gratifying that a man of George Kennan's standing and character has at last presented the facts in their true light. In doing this he has evidently made a thorough study of the financial side of railroad affairs, so that his direct clean-cut statements carry conviction.

Sunday evening Mrs. Merriam and I had the pleasure of dining with Mary and her husband, whom we hope to see soon at our workshop.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 11, 1916

My dear Mrs. Harriman:

Yesterday's mail brought me a copy of George Kennan's little book on 'The Chicago and Alton Case'. I have read it from cover to cover with intense interest and satisfaction.

It seems incredible that men in high positions should have allowed themselves to make such misleading and untruthful statements about this case. And it is amazing that a Government Commission should have presented the one-sided report it did -- withholding



January 11, 1916

Dear Walter:

Yesterday I had hoped to connect with you before your train time for leaving, but was unable to do so.

I went to the bank in the afternoon and asked them to look up the interest account of the old fund which was placed in my hands for your benefit some years ago, and which I paid out to you in installments. The entire amount of the principal was paid you, but I did not take account of the interest, which was still running in the bank. This interest amounts to $29.03, for which I am enclosing a check herewith. This ends the transaction, and although the amount is small, I trust it will not come amiss at this season.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Walter K. Fisher,
1525 Waverly St.,
Palo Alto,
Calif.

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January 11, 1916

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Your letter of the 7th inst. is at hand, enclosing statement of receipts and disbursements by the Smithsonian on account of the Harriman Trust Fund during the year ending December 31, 1915. Your account agrees exactly with my own, and I wish to thank you for your courtesy and promptness in the matter.

For the current year 1916 I wish to make a slight increase in the salary of Miss Gertrude M. Allen, and shall be obliged if you will pay the same at the rate of $120 per month, or $1440 for the year.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 12, 1916

Dear Mr. Taverner:

Thanks for yours of the 11th inst. just received. I am very glad to learn about Comeau's Report, and am writing the Mineral Service at Ottawa by this mail to see if I can obtain for a copy.

Referring to the bear: I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly lend me the skull in question. It should be sent by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Mr. P. A. Taverner,
Geological Survey,
Ottawa,
Canada



January 12, 1916

Bullis & Wile Co.,
1815 Mallers Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your inquiry of the 6th inst., would state that I have four Safe Cabinets in which I keep various manuscripts, pictures, card catalogues, and other papers, and find the same satisfactory. Not having had a fire, I am unable to speak from personal experience of their fire-proof qualities.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

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January 12, 1916

Naval Service,
Ottawa,
Canada.

Dear Sirs:

I have just been informed that your Department has recently published reports on the Fisheries Investigation in Hudson and James Bays and tributary waters, including a report from Napoleon A. Comeau. If it is practicable for you to send me a copy of this report, I should greatly appreciate the courtesy.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam -

January 13, 1916

Cadmus Book Shop,
150 West 34th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your catalogue No. 38 just received. From this I should be obliged if you will send me the following:

777 Annual Rept. of Bureau of Ethnology vol.3 $1.00

877 Hayden: Contributions to Ethnography of Indian Tribes of Missouri Valley 1862 2.50

950 DeSmet Letters and Sketches Indians of Rocky Mts. 1843 10.00

I shall be obliged also if you will send on approval

847 Dunbar's Manuscript Catalogue of Indian Tribes $5.00

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 13, 1916

Dear Doctor Stephens:

You are a very polite and kind-hearted man to feel that you have to acknowledge every little thing that finds its way into the Stephens home at Christmas-time. However, as you know, I am always glad to hear from you and know how you are and what you are about. You surely had a full house with so many members of the family present.

We too had a Christmas tree, although a small one, as Zenaida is not yet willing to give up the tree idea.

Better tell Stuart that the next time he has more marbles than he wants to play with, he might try the experiment of putting them in his stomach instead of the drain-pipe.

I envy you your proposed trip to Imperial Valley, especially in such company. I don't suppose you feel that you can take the time to drive your car down there, though it would be a mighty fine trip.





Harry Allen has just sent me a package of bear clippings, some of which have put me on the track of important skulls which I am hoping to be able to secure. By the way, did you ever learn anything further about that Lake County grizzly skull? I have been hoping that it might still be possible to get hold of it.

Did I tell you that I finally bought a 1916 Oakland-38? It is a medium-sized car with good power, and so far has behaved properly. I have also finished the new garage, which turns out to be more of an affair than at first planned. It is of brick and concrete with steel and concrete roof; a big skylight (4½ feet by 8); is bountifully lighted at night by electric lights; has a big radiator connected with a hot-water furnace, a good drain, and plenty of hot and cold water. The doors open 11½ feet in the clear, which is about right for me as I lack your skill in backing.

'The Friendly Road' which you were so good as to send me, came this noon, and I shall take it home to be read aloud evenings.

With love to you all from all of us,

As ever yours,

A. Hart Merriam

Dr. W. B. Stephens,
Central Black,
Alameda,
Calif.

January 13, 1916

Dear Sheldon:

Very many thanks for yours of yesterday. I have written to Edwin H. Litchfield by this mail, and am greatly in hopes that he will at least let me have the skull of the male grizzly from the Black Hills for awhile, if not permanently. We have no skulls from the Black Hills, and it will be most interesting to learn whether the Black Hills grizzly is the Plains species (U. horribilis) or the species inhabiting the adjacent Big Horn Mountains ( U. absarokus).

The house which I think you have in mind (out 16th Street extended) is the Blagden place -- a good-sized rambling house, rather over-furnished, and surrounded by a large tract of land. It is unoccupied at present, but was rented for the summer at $125 per month furnished. This sum includes the hire of a negro care-taker who has been there for many years, and who looks after the gardens and grounds. An additional bathroom has been built in since we were there.



Mr. C. S. 2

You cannot imagine how delighted we all are at the prospect of your bringing your family here. When do you think of coming? If in the near future, I will inquire about a number of houses in the Northwest suburban region. And should you want a furnished or an unfurnished house? I do not think Blagden's would be obtainable unfurnished as they have such a superabundance of old furniture.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles Sheldon,
8 West 9th Street,
New York City.

January 13, 1916.

Mr. Edward H. Litchfield,
2 Montague Terrace,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Litchfield:

Charles Sheldon of New York tells me that you collected a fine male grizzly in the Black Hills in or before the early 80's, and that the skull is now in James Clark's studio. I have never been able to get hold of the skull of a grizzly from the Black Hills, and do not know whether the species is the great buffalo-killing animal of the Plains (Ursus horribilis) or the smaller mountain species from the Big Horns (Ursus absarokus. In either case the skull is of great importance and I am wondering if you would be willing to let me have it for a while to compare with the specimens we already have in the National Museum.

For the past twenty-five years I have been making a special effort to get hold of as many grizzly skulls as possible, and have brought together in our National Museum



Mr. E. H. L.

fully five hundred. The greater number of these are from British Columbia and Alaska, and the great majority of skulls from the United States are from females or young bears, so that the total number of adult males is painfully small. Any skulls therefore that would throw light on the range of the species formerly inhabiting the Missouri region and adjacent mountains would be of much importance.

If you are willing to let me have your skull from the Black Hills, will you kindly have it shipped to the Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 13, 1916

Dear Mr. Keenan:

You are very kind to tell me so much of the history of your work in connection with the writing up of the Chicago and Alton Case. Under the circumstances I can see why the 'Outlook' would not take it, but I am glad to know that your abbreviated article on the subject has appeared or will appear in the January 'North American'.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Keenan and yourself,

Very truly yours,

Mr. George Keenan,
1038 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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Jan. 14, 1916

Mr. A. Stecker,
Quinhagak,
SW Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 15 has just arrived. Evidently it takes mail a long time to reach you.

If you can obtain any skulls of bears for me in the spring I shall be very glad to pay good prices for the same, particularly for old males.

Are these bears sometimes killed close to the coast, or are they always brought from the interior? And do you know whether they inhabit the low tundra or the hilly country?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

The skulls should be sent to the U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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January 15, 1916

Dr. Richard Rathbun,
Director,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Rathbun:

Thanks for your letter of the 13th inst. enclosing a copy of a letter from Mrs. Irene Stanley Martin, respecting a skin of a grizzly from Colorado, which she desires to dispose of. She seems to think that the skull of this bear is in the National Museum but, as you say, this is not the case. I do not remember to have seen such a skull in the Biological Survey Collection, but will look the matter up at once, and if we have the skull, will write Mrs. Martin with a view to the possible purchase of the skin.

Thanking you for calling my attention to the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 15, 1916

Dear Roosevelt:

On visiting the Museum this morning I found your letter of the 12th inst.

Early last spring I wrote a review of 'Life Histories of African Game Animals', but was not satisfied with it. I took it to California and worked it over a little more, but still was not satisfied. It is now on my desk and I will take another whack at it.

The book certainly is, to say the least, one of the most complete and useful works ever written on the game animals of any country. Doubtless the all-absorbing war has kept it from the attention of the large number of sportsmen and hunter-naturalists who otherwise would have secured it.

One reason I have not pushed the review is that Grosvenor has been so keen for material from the war countries that he is swamped with articles on other subjects, which he is just beginning to unload.

With best wishes to Mrs. Roosevelt and yourself,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Col. Theodore Roosevelt,
Sagamore Hill,
Long Island, N. Y.
Oyster Bay



January 15, 1916

Dear Seton:

Since the receipt of your letter of December 29 I have been making inquiries about your young friend Walter McCoy, but have been utterly unable to locate him.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Ernest T. Seton,
Greenwich,
Conn.

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January 15, 1916

Mrs. Irene Stanley Martin,
264 Oliver St.,
No.Tonawanda, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Martin:

Your letter of December 27 addressed to the Smithsonian Institution has been referred to me for reply.

I have not been able to find any grizzly skull in the Collection bearing Dr. Martin's name. If you can give me more exact information, I might be able to locate the skull. If you knew the date at which the bear was killed, the name of the locality, or the name of the man who got it, it could be easily found if it is in our Collection. If we have the skull we would, of course, be glad to have the skin also.

Respectfully,

E. W. Nelson

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January 17, 1916

Mr. Daniel H. Newhall,
154 Nassau Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your List #93 just received.

From it I should like to order:

13 Squibob Papers 1865 $1.00

45 Roseberry, V.M. Illus. History of Indian Baskets and Plates made by California Indians 1915 $1.00

Very truly yours.

C. Hart Merriam

January 17, 1916

Torch Press Book Shop,
Cedar Rapis,
Iowa.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for La Perouse just recieved. It is a beautiful copy, and I am very glad to have it. Your bill ($8.91) will be paid about the end of the month.

Shall be interested to see the other book, which is being sent on approval.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



January 17, 1916

Dear Doctor Hudson:

Your letter of the 7th inst. arrived a couple of days ago. I have published very little about the coast Indians, but am sending you herewith such of my publications as I can lay my hands on relating to California Indians.

Besides these, I wrote a book on the myths of the Mewan Tribes, including the Hookoeko of Marin County and Olementko or Tuleyome of Lake County, which was published by the Arthur H. Clark Co. of Cleveland in 1910, under the title 'The Dawn of the World'.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. J. W. Hudson,
Ukiah,
Calif.

Jan. 17, 1916

Dear Mr. Lane:

This is meraly a preliminary line to acknowledge your letter of the 13th inst. this moment received. Unfortunately I am exactly your age, sixty, and therefore not old enough to remember much about the ancestors on my mother's side. I have a distant recollection of my mother's mother, and of Mary Hart, but the only one of her near relatives whom I have definite impressions about was her half-brother Carlos Hart, who lived to a ripe old age, so that I saw a good deal of him up to 1886, when I quit practicing medicine in Lewis County and came to Washington. Carlos Hart was a giant, standing about 6 feet 4 in his stockings. He had a magnificent head, and was one of the finest looking men I ever saw. Very likely you remember him yourself. His father, Levi Hart, died before my time.

Aunt Colton and Aunt Emm, both of whom were widows living in Turin during my boyhood, I remember very well.

The family Bible you mention may be the one





in my safe at home, which is carefully wrapped up and labeled. I will look it up at once, and if it is the Hart Bible will make a copy of the family record for you. I have a suspicion however that it is the Merriam Bible rather than the Hart one.

Unhappily all the old people whom I think of as likely to have known much about our Hart ancestors are now in their graves. My brother, C. Collins Merriam, whose address is Lyons Falls, Lewis County, New York, is five years older than I, and has always lived in Lewis County, so that he is likely to remember more than I about the old people. It might be worth while for you to write to him. My mother's only other living child is my sister Mrs. Florence Merriam Bailey, now living in this city. I have just phoned her, but she is considerably younger than I and does not remember about the old people.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Edwin C. Lane,
Clarinda,
Iowa.

January 17, 1916

Dear Mr. Norton:

Your letter of the 14th inst. reached me yesterday. I did not know before that you were settled at Goshen.

It is very cold today, and the water-pipe in my furnace is broken, so that I am not able to go to the Museum. I expect to go tomorrow however, and will then lay out your bear skins so that they may be packed and shipped at once to you in care of Thomas Rowland, 186 Sixth Avenue, New York City.

So far as I have examined them, the skulls of black and glacier bears from the Yakutat Bay region show no differences -- nor do I see how they could in view of your interesting discovery that both forms occur in the same family.

I am very grateful to you for your kindness in loaning me your skins for study, and for your generosity in presenting the skulls to our National Collection, where they will always remain an important part of the largest and most complete collection of bear skulls in the world.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. G. Frederick Norton
Goshen
New York



January 17, 1916

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

We are very glad to hear from the Martinelli family, and to know that the little Christmas books reached the children safely. But we are sorry to learn that you have all been laid up with the grippe.

It is very cold here now, and I wish I were back in Lagunitas.

We had expected that Arch Gilbert and wife would spend the winter in our house, but they were so late in reaching California that I believe they have given up their intention of going to Lagunitas.

I suppose the house is all right, or you would have written me. I hope you will finish cleaning the brush along the back part of our lot, and burn the same before dry weather sets in. We are hoping to return early in the spring.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. P. Martinelli,
Lagunitas,
Calif.

January 18, 1916

Sears Roebuck & Co.,
Chiacgo,
Ill.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are bills received with my order C 918255. The goods arrived yesterday, all in good shape, except the set of four Jacks, which have not yet shown up. Doubtless they were in a separate package, and may come yet, but it seems best to notify you that they were not delivered with the other three packages.

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam



January 18, 1916

Dear AK:

Thanks for yours of this morning about the Sage autograph book. I intended to speak to you about this the other night, but you had such goings on that I completely forgot it.

Enclosed is my $1.75 as per your statement. Should more be needed, I will gladly remit, as you know.

You gave us a great time the other night, and it was obvious that Voorhees appreciated it. It was very clever in Mrs. Voorhees to secure all those little trophies, and to accompany each one by such a fitting verse.

You surely have the knack of getting up unique entertainments. And not the least to be said in its favor is the circumstance that there were no regrets next day.

As ever yours,
C. Hart Merriam

January 18, 1916

Dear Mr. Norton:

This morning I went to the Museum and laid out your bear skins for packing, as follows:

7 Skins of black bears supposed to be from Yakutat Bay Region
1 Albino cub -- cream color
1 Skin *Ursus dalli* from Malaspina Glacier labeled FN A2
1 Pair sleeves with huge foreclaws of bear from Kenai Peninsula

I have also put in the last skin you sent me -- the skin without head or foreclaws, believed to belong to the female skull of the type of *Ursus tahltanicus* which you collected on Klappan Creek. The date of this specimen I have not been able to find. Do you remember when you got it? The skin is very black, with a light golden wash on the tips of the hairs of the back.

These specimens will be packed this afternoon and should be shipped by express tomorrow. Again I wish to thank you for your kindness in letting me have the use of them in connection with my work. They have been of greater assistance than I can tell you, and have saved me from errors.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



January 18, 1916

Mr. Albert L. Barrows,
Secretary, Dept. of Zoology,
University of California,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr. Barrows:

Your letter of the 11th inst., forwarded from Lagunitas, has this moment reached me. Lagunitas is my summer home, Washington my permanent residence. As I do not expect to return to California before April or May, it will be impossible for me to accept your invitation for a lecture.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 18, 1916

Dear Mr. Lane:

On going home last evening I found that I have both the Merriam and Hart family Bibles. Following is the family record so far as entered in the Levi Hart Bible (which, as correctly stated in your letter, was given me by Aunt Colton):

LEVI HART

Born Nov.3, 1773 - Died June 30, 1834

Married Esther Barnes Nov. 16, 1796. She was born August 12, 1777, and died July 27, 1826.

Married Mrs. Mary Collins Dec. 10, 1826. She was born Oct. 13, 1783, and died June 30, 1836.

| BIRTHS | DEATHS |
|---|---|
| Emily Hart Dec. 2, 1797 | |
| Adeline Hart Feb. 27, 1799 | April 13, 1865 |
| Charles A. Hart Jan. 23, 1801 | Jan. 3, 1813 |
| Samuel C. Hart April 26, 1803 | |
| Nancy Hart June 7, 1805 | |
| Aurelia Hart July 22, 1807 | |

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|---|---|
| Elvira Hart Jan. 15, 1810 | June 25, 1815 |
| Charles Hart May 13, 1812 | Jan. 15, 1814 |
| Julius Hart Jan. 15, 1814 | July 30, 1830 |
| Mary C. Hart July 6, 1817 | Feb. 23, 1825 |
| George Hart Feb. 22, 1823 | |
| Caroline Hart Oct. 6, 1827 | March 28, 1893 |

Caroline Hart married Clinton L. Merriam Dec. 5, 1849 and had four children, namely:

Charles Collins Merriam (born Nov. 10, 1850) married Florence Isabella Lyon June 28, 1876

Clinton Hart Merriam (born Dec. 5, 1855) married Virginia Elizabeth Gosnel, Oct. 15, 1886

Ella Gertrude Merriam (born Nov. 7, 1857; died Aug. 7, 1863)

Florence Augusta Merriam (born Aug. 8, 1863) married Vernon Bailey Dec. 16, 1899.

I don't know that you are gunning for the present generation, but if you are, I will state in advance that I have only two children, both girls. Dorothy was born May 21, 1890, and Zenaida, April 4, 1892.

It is a curious fact that Levi and Nathaniel were common family names among both the Harts and Merriams.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 18, 1916

Treat's Book Shop,
Chattanooga,
Tenn.
1037 Market St.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your catalogue No. 45 just received.

From it I should like to order the following:

33 California Hutawa's Traveling Map of Mexico and Calif. 1863. $1.25
36 Calif. Songs of the Sierras by Joaquin Miller 1871. $1.25
42 Calif. Bancroft's History of Calif. 5 vols. 1886 $2.50
64 Indians Voyage to Hudson's Bay by Thos. McKeever 1821 $1.50
204 West The Lost Trappers by David H. Coyner 1850 $4.50
205 West The Hunter Naturalist by C. W. Webber 1852 $2.25
277 Calif. Holt's Map of Calif. & Nevada 1875 .75
278 Calif. The Round Trip through Calif., Nev. & Oregon by John Codman 1879 .75
272 Calif. Twenty Years Around the World by John Guy Vassar 1862 .75
284 Calif. Mountains of Calif. by John Muir 1894 .75

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 19, 1916

Mr. R. Rosencrans,
Moran, Wyo.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for the grizzly skull from the Upper Yellowstone, which you have been kind enough to present to the Biological Survey. It is a young male, apparently a four-year-old, and is of considerable interest.

In your letter to Mr. Bailey you mention several other skulls which you did not send because they were not perfect, and the teeth had fallen out. I hope you will still send them. While of course we prefer perfect skulls, we are mighty glad of any and all skulls of grizzly bears, however imperfect, particularly if they are full grown. The characters afforded by the skulls are just as important as those of the teeth. And we are suffering from the great scarcity of old skulls. The teeth, on the other hand, are better in young skulls than in old, and we always have several times as many

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young as we have of adults.

I dislike to bother a busy man, but grizzly skulls are of so much importance that I venture to hope you will send us all you are able to get hold of, whether perfect or not, and irrespective of whether the teeth are present or have fallen out. If you know of any skulls at a distance, which can be obtained by sending a man for them, I should be only too glad to pay a man for his time and trouble.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 19, 1916

Mr. William H. Miner,
Torch Press Book Shop,
Cedar Rapids,
Iowa.

Dear Mr. Miner:

Thanks for yours of the 17th inst. just received. If the book on the GOLD REGION, of which you speak, contains no matter on California Indians, and nothing on grizzly bears, I do not care to see it, but if it has either grizzlies or California Indians, I shall be glad to purchase it.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

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January 19, 1916

The Cadmus Book Shop,
150 West 34th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your letter of the 14th inst., and for your trouble in sending Dunbar's 'Manuscript Catalogue of Indian Tribes' on approval. Unfortunately this catalogue contains only two references to California Indians, both of which are well known, the work relating almost wholly to the Indians of the region east of the Rocky Mountains. I am therefore returning it herewith, prepaid, amd am enclosing ten cents in stamps to cover your expense in sending it.

You say that the copy of De Smet which I ordered (#950 of your catalogue) was sold before my order was received, but that you have another good copy lacking the folding plate, but you omitted to state the price. If you will kindly inform me as to the price, I may be glad to purchase the same.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

January 20, 1916

Director,
U.S.Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will send me at the above address as many of the undermentioned publications as still remain for distribution.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Bulletins:

196 Topographic development of the Klamath Mts. by J. S. Diller
258 Origin of certain place names in the U.S. by Gannett
302 Areas of the U. S. by Gannett
308 Geologic Reconnaissance in SW Nevada & E Calif. by Ball
361 Cenozoic mammal horizons of W No. Amer. by Osborn
398 Geology & oil resources of Coalinga dist., Calif. by Arnold and Anderson
435 Reconn. of parts of NW New Mexico & N Arizona by Darton
467 Geology and mineral resources of parts of the Alaska Penin. by W.W.Atwood
470 Contrib. to economic geology by Diller & Hall
485 Geologic reconn. of the Iliamna Region, Alaska, by Martin & Katz
497 Reconn. of the Jarbridge, Contact & Elk Mt. dists. by F.C.Schrader
498 Headwater regions of Gulkana and Susitna Rivers, Alaska by F. H. Moffit
520 A Alaska mining industry in 1911 & RR routes by A. H. Brooks
520 C Lower Copper River Basin, Alaska by F.H.Moffit
520 H Mining and water supply of Fortymile etc. Alaska, by Porter & Ellsworth
520 I Rampart & Hot Springs Region, Alaska by Eakin
520 J Ruby Placer Dist., Alaska by A. G. Maddren





520 L Alatna-Noatak Region, Alaska, by P.S.Smith
525 Geologic Reconn. of the Fairbanks Quad., Alaska, by L. M. Prindle
526 Coastal Glaciers of Prince William Sound and Kenai Penin., Alaska, by Grant & Higgins
534 Yentna Dist., Alaska by S. R. Capps
535 Geologic Reconn. of part of the Rampart Quad., Alaska, by H. M. Eakin
536 Noatak-Kobuk Region, Alaska, by P.S.Smith
538 Geologic Reconn. of the Circle Quad., Alaska, by L. M. Prindle
540 Contrib. to economic geology, 1912, Pt. 1, 1913
540 A Weaverville Quadrangle, Calif. by Diller & Ferguson
540 B Mineral Resources of the Inyo and White Mts., Calif., by Adolph Knopf.
540 F Yellow Pine Mining Dist., Nevada, by J.M.Hill
541 E Reconn. of the Barstow-Kramer Region, Calif. by R.W.Pack
546 Mineral Resources of SW Oregon by J.S.Diller
549 Shinumo Quad., Ariz. by L. F. Noble
580 L Salines in the Owens, Searles, and Panamint Basins, SE Calif. by H. S. Gale
581 D Geology and Oil Prospects in Waltham, Priest, Bitterwater, and Peachtree Valleys, Calif. by Pack and English
594 Some Mining Districts in NE Calif. & NW Nevada by J. M. Hill
603 Geology and Oil Resources of the West Border of San Joaquin Valley by Anderson & Pack
605 Kilamar Dist., Alaska, by S.R.Capps & B.L.Johnson
607 Willow Creek Dist, Alaska, by S.R.Capps
608 Broad Pass Region, Alaska, by F.H.Moffit

Water Supply Papers

45 Water Storage on Cache Creek, Calif. by Chandler
142 Hydrology of San Bernardino Valley, Calif. by W.W.Mendenhall
271 Calif. by W.B.Clapp & F.F.Henshaw
272 North Pacific Coast by J.C.Stevens, LaRue & Henshaw
278 Water Resources of Antelope Valley, Calif. by H.R.Johnson
290 Great Basin by La Rue, Henshaw & Porter
305 Surface water supply of U.S. by Lamb, Freeman & Richards
333 Ground water in Boxelder & Tooele Counties, Utah by Everett Carpenter
336 Springs of Calif. by G. A. Waring.
342 Surface water supply of the Yukon-Tanana Region, Alaska, C.E.Ellsworth & Davenport
347 Profile surveys in Snake River Basin, Idaho

Professional Paper 76 San Franciscan Volcanic Field, Ariz. by H.H.Robinson

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January 20, 1916

Sears, Roebuck & Co.
Chicago,
Ill.

Dear Sirs:

The set of four automobile Jacks ordered from you a short time ago, but which did not arrive with the rest of the shipment, came this afternoon by Wells Fargo Express with 81 cents charges, which I paid. I had previously paid $1.28 on the three parcels which arrived a couple of days ago. This may be all right, buy inasmuch as the Jacks were part of the lot shipment, as indicated by the enclosed shipping tag, I had supposed that payment covered all four packages.

All of the goods have now been received, and all are entirely satisfactory.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam -

January 21, 1916

Hon. Charles D. Walcott,
Secretary,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Walcott:

On looking over lists of publications of the Smithsonian Institution I find mention of a number which I should be glad to have, if still available for distribution. The list is appended hereto.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



PUBLICATIONS WANTED BY DR. C. HART MERRIAM
The Northumberland,
Washington, D.C.

Amundsen, Roald Exped. to South Pole No. 2224

Baker, A.B. National Zool. Park. Notes on animals. No.2085

" Notes on breeding black bear No. 2086

Bent, A. C. Ptarmigan from Aleutian Ids. No. 2066

" Birds. Aleutian Ids. No. 2068

" Crossbill from Newfoundland No. 2158

Fewkes, J.W. Archeology Lower Mimbres Valley, N.M. No.2316

Gain, L. Penguins No. 2211

Gidley, J.W. American Eland. No. 2174

" Pleistocene Camel Arctic Circle No. 2173

Goldman, E.A. Descr. mammals from Panama No. 2073

" New mammals from eastern Panama No.2142

" " Panama and Mexico No. 2168

" " No.2266

Hay, O.P. Skull extinct horse No.2181

Hedley, Chas. Paleograph. relations of Antarctica No.2209

Hollister, N. Mammals, Canada, Alaska, Kamchatka No.2072

" Siberia No. 2157

Gazelle, Mongolia No.2165

Mammals, Siberian Altai No.2171

Hoernes, M. Earliest forms human habitation No.2302

Hrdlicka, A. ~~Natives of Khargu Oasis, Egypt. No. 2071~~

Most ancient skeletal remains of man No.2300

Remains Eastern Asia of race, America No. 2159

Lewton, F.L. Cotton of the Hopi Indians. No.2146

Miller, G.S. Names wolves northern & western NO.Amer. No.2093

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Nathorst, A.G. Value fossil floras Arctic regions No.2110

Prain,D. Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker No.2132

Rose,J.N. Populus Macdougalii No.2239

Sapir, Edw. History & varities of human speech No.2217

Schäfer,E.A. Life. No.2213

Smith, G.E. Evolution of man No.2216

True,F.W. Genera fossil whalebone whales No.2081

Fossil toothed cetacean No.2151

Beaked whale No.2172

Edwards, C.L. Abalones of Calif. No.2295

January 22, 1916

American Chauffeur Publishing Co.,
Butler Bldg.,
15 West 6th Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find check for $1.25, for which please send AMERICAN CHAUFFEUR for 1916, and one of your keyless padlocks (Premium No. 6.) to above address.

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam



January 22, 1916

Mr. Sel J. Wigley,
Victoria,
B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter telling me where your photograph of white rabbits was taken, has just come to hand, for which I am obliged. I should be glad to purchase a good print of this photograph, and would also like to see prints of any other photographs of native animals, dead or alive, which you may happen to have.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

January 22, 1916

Dear Osgood:

Did it ever occur to you that you are a little lax in sending out separates of your publications? Life is so short that unless a man gets his separates distributed soon after their appearance, they are likely to escape his files altogether.

I always need three copies for my files -- one for the author, one for the species, and one for the geographic area. A year or so ago you sent me on request a batch of your output, but not always enough to go around. For instance, I need two more copies of 'Some Unrecognized and Misapplied Names of American Mammals', Proc. Biol. Soc. Washn., Apr. 18, 1907. And of some of your publications on South American mammals I have either one copy or no copy at all.

In running over the proceedings of the Biological Society for the past year, I notice an important note by you, 'The Name of Azara's Agoŭarachay', published June 29, 1915, of which I have no separate.

Trusting that the weather conditions in Chicago are favorable to you and your firend Miss Dodge,

With best wishes from us all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 24, 1916

Mr. Francis Kermode,
Provincial Museum,
Victoria,
B. C.

Dear Mr. Kermode:

The job of going through my accumulated pamphlet mail has been slow, owing to pressure of more urgent work. I have therefore only just reached the interesting Report of your Museum for the year 1914. This contains so much matter worth filing that I am making bold to ask for two more copies, if you have them to spare.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



January 24, 1916

Mr. L. G. Dennison,
Telluride,
Colorado.

Dear Sir:

You have been referred to me by Fred G. Stanley as likely to know something concerning the killing of a big bear in southwestern Colorado some years ago, the skin of which belongs to Mrs. Irene Stanley Martin. Mrs. Martin believes that the skull belonging to this bear came to the National Museum, but owing to the absence of detailed information as to the locality where it was killed, the date, and name of the man who probably collected it, I am unable to run it down in the collection. If you can give me any information bearing on these points, I shall be greatly obliged.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam -

January 24, 1916

Mr. W. H. Spaulding,
Hawk Inlet,
Alaska

Dear Sir:

In your letter of November 27 you stated that you expected to ship me skulls of two brown bears and some other skulls on December 10. This is to notify you that the shipment mentioned has not arrived. I hope you got it off, and that it will come in due time.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



January 24, 1916

Mr. Oscar T. Landry,
Bella Coola,
B. C.

Dear Sir:

The grizzly skull from the head of Bella Coola Valley which you mentioned in your letter of December 17 as going forward by express has not yet reached us. Please send me a memorandum as to the date of shipment and company by which shipped so that I may make inquiries through the express companies. It would be well also if you notified the company through which you shipped the skull, asking them to trace it.

Hoping that it will arrive in the near future,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 24, 1916

Mr. Ernest P. Walker,
Wrangell,
Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Your letters of December 30 and January 6 are at hand. The bear skulls arrived about ten days ago -- ten blacks and one cub grizzly. None of them are in good conidtion. I am sending the Smithsonian a voucher for them, putting the blacks at $2.00 each. and the cub grizzly at $5.00, making $25.00 in all, a check for which amount will be sent you about the 1st of February.

In compliance with your request, I am sending you by this mail a copy of my descriptions of a lot of new bears. The difference between the brown bears and the grizzlies is not always easy to determine. As a rule, the grizzlies have longer, smoother, and less curved foreclaws, often whitish or yellowish in color, or streaked with light color. The claws of the brown bears are as a rule, shorter, darker, more strongly





curved., and less smooth. There is also an important difference in the big lower premolar. But in the far north this latter character fails.

I am glad to know that you are interested in mammals. In your official work you must have an opportunity to make many observations of value, and now and then secure specimens of more than ordinary interest. We know so little of the habits of our mammammals that any reliable information on the subject is worth recording.

If you know of any instances where men have been attacked by bears, I should appreciate the favor if you would kindly write me about the same.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 24, 1916

Dear Mr. Lane:

Thanks for yours of the 21st inst. Sorry to learn that you are a bachelor, and therefore have done so little toward implanting good blood in our commonwealth. But I am glad to learn of the honorable positions you have occupied.

Since writing you last I have talked with my sister and she remembered having received from my uncle James S. Merriam (who wrote the genealogy of the Merriam family) some memoranda respecting the Hart, Collins, and Bush families. The substance of this, so far as it relates to the Hart family, I am enclosing herewith.

There is a gap which perhaps you may be able to fill. I am unable with certainty to say which of the duaghters of Levi Hart became Mrs. Emm.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Edwin C. Lane,
Clarinda,
Iowa.

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COLLINS AND HART FAMILIES

Levi Hart married 1st Esther Barnes (wife died) } and had
- Carlos Hart
- Mrs. Nancy Lane [wife of Lyman Lane]
- Mrs. Emm [wife of
- Mrs. Elvira H. Colton [wife of

Levi Collins married Mary Bush } and had
- Charles B. Collins
- Frederick (died unmarried)
- Mary ( " " )

Mrs. Levi Hart and Mr. Levi Collins died

Levi Hart, widower married Mary Bush Collins, widow } and had
- Caroline Hart [wife of Clinton L. Merriam]

Levi Hart was brother of Martin Hart of Utica, who was father of Sarah Hart Bush, afterwards Mrs. Sarah Chapin.

Levi Collins was brother of
- Seldon Collins
- Homer "
- Wayne "
- Jonathan "
- Mrs. Waters (mo. of Augusta)
- Mrs. Ellis
- Aunt Jane Dewey

Mary Bush Collins had brother Oliver Bush, who had son Horace Bush who married Alma Mott and had Julia E. Bush.

Alma Mott was daughter of . . Mott and Neomi Lyon Mott, sister of Caleb Lyon, Sr.

January 25, 1916

Dear Nelson:

Replying to your memorandum of the 17th inst., concerning the spelling of the geographic name Okanogan, would state that this spelling is given for the county, fort, and river, in the State of Washington, and also for the lake and town in British Columbia, and is the only form used by the U. S. Geographic Board. (See Third Report, page 117, 1907 and 'Correct Orthography of Geographic Names', page 108, 1911.)

However, in many cases the spelling of the same name differs materially in different localities. Thus Allegany (without the h) is the correct spelling for a township in Pennsylvania, while Alleghany, with the h, and with the final vowel a instead of a, is the correct spelling for the mountains and river. Similarly, the names of towns are often spelled in two or more ways, according to the State in which located. As a rule, these differences in spelling adopted by the Geographic





Board are in accordance with local usage, and in conformity with the form made official by act of legislature, articles of incorporation, or other legal action.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Mr. E. W. Nelson,
U. S. Biological Survey,
Washington,
D. C.

January 26, 1916

Academy of Pacific Coast History,
University of California,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly send me the following publications of the Academy of Pacific Coast History, together with bill for the same, as I have not been able to find out the prices of two of them:

Vol. I, No. 3 -- Diary of Gaspar de Portola (2 [illegible])

Vol. I, No. 4 -- Costanso's Narrative of the Portola Expedition

Vol. 2, No. 4 -- Diary of Miguel Costanso (Portola Expd.) 2

Vol. 3, No. 1 -- Font's Diary of the Anza Expedition of 1775-1776

Yours very truly,

E. H. [illegible]

January 26, 1916

Academy of Pacific Coast History,
University of California,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly send me the following publications of the Academy of Pacific Coast History, together with bill for the same, as I have not been able to find out the prices of two of them:

Vol. I, No. 3 -- Diary of Caspar de Portola

Vol. I, No. 4 -- Costanso's Narrative of the Portola Expedition

Vol. 2, No. 4 -- Diary of Miguel Costanso (Portola Expd.)

Vol. 3, No. 1 -- Font's Diary of the Anza Expedition of 1775-1776

Yours very truly,



January 26, 1916

Houghton Mifflin,
Publishers,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me a copy of California under Spain and Mexico from 1535 to 1847 by Irving Berdine Richman (1911). I enclose herewith check for four dollars, the price listed for this book in the U. S. Catalogue of 1912.

Yours very truly,

E. H. [illegible]

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January 26, 1916

Librarian,
John Carter Brown Library,
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly have sent to me a copy of San Francisco Bay and California in 1776 ... with an explanation by Irving Berdine Richman, published by the John Carter Brown Library in 1911, with bill for same, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

E. Hart Merriam

January 26, 1916

Dear Sheldon:

Very many thanks for your invitation to lunch with you on Monday, the 31st inst., to meet Roosevelt and others. I should of course be glad to do this if practicable, but just now the outlook is not good. Mrs. Merriam has been in bed for some days with the grippe, and G. K. Gilbert, who lives with us, is also in bed with the same malady. I have a bad throat and have been to the doctor this morning to have it treated. If it continues, I of course cannot come, but if it passes away by the end of the week, I will wire you.

I should like very much to see you all, particularly Mrs. Sheldon and the children, and would like also to visit the Bronx Zoo, and would be only too glad to spend a night or two at your attractive home.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles Sheldon,
8 West 9th Street,
New York City.

January 26, 1916

Dear Mr. Allen:

Please pardon my delay in sending you the promised note on the Indian name of Mount Tamalpais, and names of other places in the vicinity. A note on this subject is enclosed herewith.

But this is only a part of what I promised. You will remember that one of the men present at the lunch party you so kindly gave before I left the State, asked for names which might be appropriate in naming gulches, trails, and various minor topographic features about the mountain. A number of Indian words which suggest themselves as available in this connection I am enclosing herewith, and will dig up more later. Meanwhile please let me know how urgent the matter really is. Will the map be engraved before spring? Or will it go over into the summer? I feel sure that I could be much more helpful if on the ground.

It was mighty good of you to send me that batch of bear clippings. They are exactly in my line, and several of them put me on important leads, which I am now





following up.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will put me on your scrap list as a regular subscriber for matter relating to bears, wolves, and mountain lions.

My memory for names is mighty poor, and I should appreciate the favor if you would kindly give me the names of the persons present at your lunch at the University Club -- which, by the way, was one of the most enjoyable lunches I have ever taken part in. I don't ordinarily enjoy meeting strangers, but I was very glad to meet the men you brought together, and hope I may see more of them in future.

With best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Allen,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. H. S. Allen
88 First Street
San Francisco, Calif.

P. S. The list I am enclosing comprises only the names of a few animals and trees. I have hundreds of others which could be used if desired; also the names of features, as ocean, salt water, fresh water, creek, spring, falls, deep, shallow, bank or cliff, valley, trail, forest, chaparral, sand, mud, rock, points of compass, fog, wind, rainbow, big, little, long, short, straight, zigzag, smooth, rough, and a number of others, some of which might come in handy when one is actually on the ground seeking a name for a particular gulch, ridge, or spot. If this matter can be put off until next spring, I shall be only too glad to render what assistance I may.

# INDIAN NAMES IN THE TAMALPAIS REGION

The tribe of Indians formerly inhabiting the Tamalpais region called themselves Hoó-koo-é-ko. Their territory extended from the Golden Gate northerly to Valley Ford Creek, and from Point Reyes Peninsula easterly to the Petaluma marshes and San Pablo Bay, thus coinciding almost exactly with the boundaries of the present County of Marin.

It is of interest historically that of the numerous tribes of California, this was the first to be discovered by Europeans, for in the summer of 1579 Sir Francis Drake when overhauling his vessels in the broad bay that now bears his name, on the south side of Pt. Reyes Peninsula, spent several weeks in their country, and had much to say of their friendliness and singular customs.

Mount Tamalpais and the series of beautiful valleys by which it is surrounded, from Olema and the long fiord-like Tomales Bay on the west to San Rafael on the east, including Nicasio, Lagunitas, Fairfax and San Geronimo valleys, all lie within the territory of the Hoó-koo-é-ko, and some of the most familiar geographic names in California were taken from the vocabulary of this tribe. Among these are Tamalpais, from Tam-mal the bay country, and pi-és a mountain -- Tam-



mal-pi-es or Tam-mal-pi's, being their own name for the mountain; Tamales Bay, which they called Tam-mal le-wah -- le-wah, salt water; Point Reyes, which they called Tammal hoo-yah -- hooyah a point or projection; Tamales Point, called Kal-loo-pe tam-mal in reference to the shape of the point, which suggests the bill of a hummingbird (Kal-loo-pis). The people on Tamales Bay they called Tam-mal-ko -- ko meaning people. Olema and Olompale are place names still in use -- the latter originally an Indian village on the west side of Petaluma marshes, now perpetuated for a district and schoolhouse. Marin County, as well known, was named for Marin, a great chief of the Hoo-koo-e-ko tribe, while Novato and Nicasio were names of other chiefs -- tho Nicasio is Spanish, not Indian.

Other geographic or place names in the native language of the Hoo-koo-é-ko, but which have not been perpetuated on our maps are: Etch-a-tam-mal, Nicasio Valley; Etch-a-tam-mal chawk, Nicasio Creek; Oo-troo-mi-ah, vicinity of present town of Tomales; O-la-mah-lo-kah, Olema Valley; Wah-kah-te, Petaluma Creek; Ah-wan-wa, San Rafael; Wal-lo ma-la-kum, San Francisco Bay; Sah-tah-ko, San Geronimo Valley; Lo-was, Ross Valley; Sho-tum-ko, Gallinas Creek Valley; Cho-ketch-ah, Novato; Le-wan-hel-o-wah, coast at or near Sausalito.

## NAMES OF ANIMALS

| | |
|---|---|
| Bear | Koć-lēh |
| Coon | Hoo-mĕ-kā |
| Bob-cat | To-lć-mah |
| Gray fox | Ah-wah-ke |
| Coyote | Ć-yēh |
| Deer | Kĕ-sum |
| Gray squirrel | Sam-kow |
| Wood rat | Yu-loo |
| Brush rabbit | Nć-mēh |
| Jack rabbit | Owl-yēh |
| Sparrow hawk | He-lé-lek |
| Great horned owl | Too-kco-lis |
| Crow | Ah-wĕtch |
| Blue jay(without crest) | Si-ĕtch |
| Valley quail | Hek-ek-ki |
| Rattlesnake | Oo-koć-lis |
| Common lizard | Pet-tăn-yah |
| Frog | Ko-to-lah |

## TREES AND OTHER PLANTS

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| Redwood | Chć-lĕ | Tanbark | Kah-tah-me |
| Douglas fir | Hoo-toos | Madrone | Kah-kas |
| Live oak | Sah-tah | Buckeye | Ah-te |
| Black oak | Ko-tis | Poison oak | E-tŭm |
| | Brake fern or bracken | Oć-tŭk | |

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January 28, 1916

Mr. Charles W. Treat,
Treat's Book Shop,
1017 Market Street,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

The books sent in compliance with my order have arrived in good condition, for which I am obliged. A check for the amount, ($9.75) will be sent you from my Fund in the Smithsonian Institution about the first of February.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

January 28, 1916

Dear Sheldon:

Since writing you my throat trouble has gone down and developed into bronchitis, so that I am under the doctor's care, and it will be out of the question to think of going to New York for your lunch. Too bad, but it cannot be helped.

Elizabeth was dressed for the first time yesterday, and is now on the mend, as are also my sister and Gilbert, both of whom have been confined to bed.

Please give my kind regards and regrets to Roosevelt, and explain the situation.

As ever yours,

A. Hart Merriam

January 29, 1916

Mr. W. L. McAtee
Biological Survey
Washington
D C

Dear Mr. McAtee:

Mr. Hollister tells me that you are the present custodian of the Biological Society Proceedings. I am anxious to secure duplicate copies of several brochures, mainly General Notes, and shall be greatly obliged if you will send me three copies each of the following, with bill for same:

XIX, 121-126, Sept. 6, 1906
XX, 43-52, Apr. 18, 1907
XXVII, 215-218, Oct. 31, 1914
XXVII, 227-229, Dec. 29, 1914
XXVIII, 141-144, June 29, 1915

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam



January 29, 1916

Mrs. Marie L. B. Baldwin.
Treasurer, Society of Amer. Indians
106 Barrister Bldg.
Washington D C

My dear Mrs. Baldwin:

Responding to an appeal from the Society, dated January 28, I am enclosing herewith my check for $3.00

As a member of the Society I am receiving the Quarterly Journal. The Journal often contains articles which I wish to keep separately. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly enter me for a second subscription, so that I may receive two copies of each number as issued.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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January 29, 1916

Mr. William Leon Dawson,
Birds of California Publishing Co
Santa Barbara
Calif.

Dear Mr. Dawson:

Your letters of January 19 and 20 are at hand. I am interested to learn of your project for a Museum of Comparative Oology, but I am not attracted by the display of names entitled, 'Members of the Board of Visitors,' and should not care to see my name enrolled on this list. This sort of thing has always been distasteful to me, but all depends on the point of view.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

January 31, 1916

Mr. Charles W. Treat
Treat's Book Shop
Chattanooga
Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for $1.25 in payment of Joaquin Miller's 'Songs of the Sierras' recently received from you. A check for the remaining items on your bill will be sent you from my fund in the Smithsonian about the 1st of February. As Miller's work was purchased for my personal use, I prefer to pay it by my personal check.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



January 31, 1916

Hudson Book Co.
25 West 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Your Catalogue 38 received this morning, for which thanks. From this catalogue I shall be glad if you will send me the following on approval. Those not wanted will be returned immediately, prepaid.

50 Ballou, John Gold Seekers 1855 $5.00

51 Champagnac, J. Le Voyageur en Calif. $2.50

55 Hollinski, A. Le Calif. 1855 $3.00

58 Marlette, S. Report on Eddy's Map of Calif. 1855 $7.50

64 Richter, K. Reisen nach Nord Amerika und Calif. 1852 $3.25

65 Shaw, P. Ramblings in Calif. 1854 $7.50

119 Long, Maj. S. Account of an Exped. from Pittsburgh to the Rocky Mts. 2 vols. 1822-23 $8.50

150 Havard, V. French Half-breeds of the Northwest and the Shoshones or Snake Indians. $1.25

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 1, 1916

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed is my expense account for the month of January, amounting to $32.15, and also the following vouchers and bills, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

You will observe that the bill for office rent at the Northumberland has increased from $50 to $65 per month. The reason of this is that I have hired an additional room adjoining the other rooms, at the rate of $15 per month, the owners cutting the door through and making the other necessary changes at their own expense. This will lessen the congestion in the other rooms, and provide for map files and other cases.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying bills:

Walker -- Bear skulls $25.00
Green -- Grizzly bears 50.00
Zenaida Merriam -- Services $29.25
Yawman & Erbe -- Transfer cases $9.00
Minnix -- Steel card index drawers $9.25
Torch Press -- Books $8.91
Cadmus Book Shop -- Books $8.50
Globe Wernicke -- Bookcase and cards $30.11
Chas. W. Treat -- Books and maps $6.50
John Carter Brown -- Book $8.00
Andrews Paper Co. -- Stationery $6.46
Office rent for February and telephone $68.10



C. Hart Merriam

The Northumberland, Washington, D. C.

| 1916 | January account | Sub Voucher | |
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| Jan. 1 | Subscription to 'Travel' for 1916(Deferred rate) | | 1 50 |
| " 5 | " " 'Recreation' for 1916 | | 1 50 |
| " 6 | " " 'American Forestry' for 1916 | 1 | 3 00 |
| " 6 | " " 'Quart.Journ.Soc.Amer.Indians | | 1 50 |
| " 7 | " " 'Journal of Heredity' for 1916 | | 1 00 |
| " 10 | Fuertes' 'Album of New York Birds' | | 50 |
| " 18 | Daniel H. Newhall - Roseberry's'Indian Baskets' | 2 | 1 00 |
| " 19 | Maps of Calif. | | 50 |
| " 22 | Proceedings Biol. Soc. Washn. vol. 29 | | 1 50 |
| " 26 | Houghton Mifflin Co.- Richman,I. B. 'Calif. under Spain and Mexico' | | 4 00 |
| " 29 | R. P. Andrews Paper Co. - Paper | 3 | 75 |
| | Potomac Electric Light & Power Co. | 4 | 1 00 |
| | Carfare for work at Library of Congress | | 1 00 |
| | Expressage on bear skulls from Columbia Univ. | | 55 |
| | Stamps and stamped envelopes | | 2 85 |
| | Janitor, Office apartment | | 1 00 |
| | Services of charwoman, office apartment | 5 | 3 00 |
| | Subscription to 'American Anthropologist' for 1916 | | 3 00 |
| Receipt not at hand for December account: | | | |
| Dec. 31 | Subscription to'Journal of Animal Behavior' | 6 | 3 00 |
| | | | $32 15 |

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C. Hart Merriam

Ernest P. Walker

Wrangell, Alaska

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| Jan. 24 | 10 Black bear skulls from Unuk River region, Alaska at $2.00 | 20 00 |
| | Skull of young grizzly | 5 00 |
| | | $25 00 |

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Zenaida Merriam

The Northumberland, Washington, D. C.

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| 1918 | | |
| June 31 | Services as assistant 13 days at $2.25 per day | 29.25 |
| | | $29 25 |

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William R. Green

Greendale via Linwood, Utah

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| 1916 | | | |
| Jan. 31 | 1 Grizzly bear skin and skull from Ashley Forest, Utah | 40 | 00 |
| | 1 Grizzly skull from northeast Utah | 10 | 00 |
| | | $50 | 00 |

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C. Hart Merriam

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February 2, 1916

Mr. Champlin Burrage
Librarian
John Carter Brown Library
Providence, R I

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 28th inst., and the accompanying copy of 'San Francisco Bay and California in 1776'-- a work which I am very glad to have. A check of $8.00 in payment for this will be sent you in a day or two from my special fund in the Smithsonian Institution.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

February 3, 1916

Mr. Fred M. Sickler
Shungnak
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 17 has only just arrived. I am very glad to know that you can obtain skulls of grizzly bears for us, and shall be glad to purchase all you can get. Probably the bears you call half-breed are grizzlies, as the fragments of skin enclosed appear to belong to a grizzly.

I do not care for fishes, plants, or birds, but in addition to the grizzly bears, would be glad to purchase a few skulls of black bears, and of wolverine and lynx.

The price paid will depend on the sex, age, and condition of the skull when received. Each skull should be labeled with a tag stating the locality, sex, and date when known, and your own name. Some Biological Survey labels are enclosed herewith.

You asked for directions for the preparation of specimens. All that is necessary is to cut off the thick flesh and remove the tongue, care being taken not to injure the delicate bones at the back part of the palate. The brains should be removed through the natural hole in



the back part of the skull, care being taken not to cut the bone. The skulls may then be dried, and when fully dry may be sent in the way that is most convenient for you -- either by parcel post or by express. If sent by parcel post I shall be glad to remit the amount of postage. Always notify us of the date of shipment, and whether shipped by parcel post or express.

Specimens for shipment should be carefully packed, each skull being wrapped in paper or cloth, and if sent by express, should be boxed, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and marked Charges Collect. Your own name and address should be written on the outside of each package.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Prices paid for skulls:

Black bear -- adults $2 to $4; young $1.00
Grizzly -- male adult $15 to $25; female adult $10 to $15; young $4
Wolf $2 to $4
Wolverine $1
Beaver, fisher, fox, lynx .50
Marten, mink, weasel .25

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February 3, 1916

Hudson Book Co.
25 West 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for sending on approval the six books mentioned in your letter of the 1st inst. Of these I am retaining #58 Marlette, #64 Richter, and #119 Long, and am returning by parcel post, insured, the other three, namely #50 Ballou, #55 Holenski, and #65 Shaw.

The Report of Surveyor General Marlette, No.58, lacks the map. Inasmuch as you charge the enormous price of $7.50 for it, I assumed that the map would be included.

Shuck's 'California Scrap Book' has never reached me. I wrote you on November 19 stating that if sent by mail it could be forwarded, but if by express it might have gone to San Geronimo, the nearest express office, there being no express at Lagunitas. You never informed me as to which way it was shipped, so that I have not been able to follow it up.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 4, 1916

Mrs. Irene Stanley Martin
264 Oliver Street
No. Tonawanda
New York

My dear Mrs. Martin:

Referring again to the matter of your bear skin, would state that I have just received from Mr. L. C. Dennison of Telluride, Colorado, the desired information as to the locality and date of killing of this big bear. This information enables me to locate the skull in question, which I find we have in the Biological Survey Collection. We shall be glad therefore to purchase the skin if the price is not too high. If you will kindly let me know the lowest cash price at which you are willing to sell it, I shall be glad to consider the matter.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

February 4, 1916

Mr. L. M. Dennison
Telluride
Colo

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your information about the killing of the grizzly bear whose skin is in the possession of Mrs. Irene S. McGill. The data you have given enabled me to locate the skull, which I find we have in the Biological Survey Collection. It is labeled as killed May 26, 1907 by Galloway and Huff, and was obtained by one of our collectors named Merritt Cary.

I am very much obliged to you also for the interesting account you have given of the killing of this bear.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,

Original Defective

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February 5, 1916

The John Clark Co.
5511 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland
Ohio

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your List 311 just received. From it I should like to order the following:

38 McWhorter, L. V. Crime against the Yakimas .35

61 Shaw, George C. Chinook Jargon 1909 $1.25

78 Wetmore, Charles A. Report of Mission Indians of Southern Calif. .75

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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February 5, 1916

Dear Osgood:

Very many thanks for the batch of separates just received. These I trust will fill the Osgood gaps in our files -- with one or two over, I suspect.

We shall look forward to seeing your new exhibition work on our way West in the spring.

We are particularly delighted to know that your salary has been adjusted to the present cost of gasolene. This is of course a great satisfaction both to you and Miss Dodge. Congratulations!

With best wishes,
As ever yours,
C. Hartley Grattan

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February 7, 1916

Vacuum Oil Company
Rochester
New York

Dear Sirs:

What grade of your Mobile Oil do you recommend for the 1916 Oakland 38? in winter And can you give me the flash and viscosity tests for the oils which you consider best for summer and winter use in this car?

Respectfully,

E. Hart Freeman

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February 7, 1916

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Interior
Washington
D C

Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will cause to have sent me at the above address three copies each of the Reports of the Superintendents of the National Parks for the year 1915.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam -

February 8, 1916

Mr. Charles S. Jenkins
Lansdale
Penn.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly give me the prices of the several sizes of Jenkins map rollers which you keep on hand? Any literature you may have on the subject will be gladly received.

You may remember that some years ago I purchased several of your large map rollers for the U. S. Biological Survey.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam



February 8, 1916

Wells Fargo Express Agent
San Geronimo
Calif.

Dear Sir:

On November 9 last a book from the Hudson Book Company, 25 West 42nd Street, Yew York City, was sent to me by Adams Express, addressed to Lagunitas. As I had left Lagunitas several weeks before that date, the book was of course not received, and I have only just learned when and how it was shipped. If you have it, I shall be obliged if you will kindly address it to me at 1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 8, 1916

Mr. John H. Baker
Box 259, Y. M. C. A.
Dayton
Ohio

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th inst., would state that the Jenkins revolving map roller is, or was when last heard from, manufactured by Charles S. Jenkins, Lansdale, Penn. It is by far the best means known to me for keeping a large number of maps where they are instantly accessible.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



February 8, 1916

Hudson Book Co
25 West 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Yours of the 7th inst. received. I am glad to know how you sent the book (Schuck's California Camp Book), and have written by this mail to the express agent at San Geronimo in the hope that he may still have it. If so, I have directed him to forward it to you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 8, 1916

Dear Arch:

It looked good to see your hand-writing when the mail came in this morning, particularly to know that your letter was written in our Lagunitas home. And it is a relief to know that the heavy rains have done no damage there. We are glad that you visited the place, but sorry that you could not have stayed longer.

Mrs. Martinelli is certainly doing her part toward the replenishment of the population. But to be up and about a week after the last baby was born is pretty risky.

How do you like the stage road over the mountain to Bolinas? It must be fine in wet weather!

Your father appears to be in usual health. He eats well, sleeps well, reads well, and plays cards well, and when engaged in the latter diversion is in no hurry to go to bed.

With love to you both, As ever yours,

O. M. Martinelli

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert
734 Bush Street
San Francisco, Calif.



February 8, 1916

Mr. O. F. Jones
Bureau of Plant Industry
Dept. of Agriculture
Washington
D C

Dear Sir:

J. B. Liben, whose address is Los Olivos, Santa Barbara County, California, has a small ranch in the mountains north of Santa Barbara. He is employed by the Forest Service, and is anxious to obtain seeds of garden vegetables suitable for his region. Can you send him a batch?

If practicable I shall be obliged also if you can send vegetable seeds to B. Permasse, Santa Maria, Calif.

Very truly yours,

February 10, 1916

Mr. John W. Cadby
50-52 Grand St
Albany
New York

Dear Sir:

Thanks for the list of books offered by you under date of February 5. From this list I should like to order #39 Native Races of the Pacific States by H. H. Bancroft. 5 vols. $7.50.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



February 10, 1916

Mr. C. L. Johnson, Sec.
Visalia Building & Loan Assoc
Visalia
Calif

Dear Sir:

Your check of $16.67 in payment of interest on my shares of your Association to February 1 reached me this morning, for which I am obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 10, 1920

Dr. Arthur L. Day
Home Secretary
National Academy of Sciences
Smithsonian Institution
Washington D C

Dear Doctor Day:

Your letter of the 8th inst. is at hand, informing me that I have been appointed a member of the committee on arrangements for the April meeting of the Academy. In view of the fact that I expect to return to California at about the date of the meeting, and shall be overwhelmed with work until that time, I beg leave to ask that another person be appointed in my place. Having served on this committee for a number of years in the past, I feel that I may ask this without seeming to shirk a duty.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



February 9, 1916

My dear Lieutenant Emmons:

Your letter of yesterday is at hand and I am glad to hear from you again.

We were much grieved to learn of poor Pike's sad end. He was a fine true man, and must have been crazed by disappointment over his inability to get into the British army.

The simple questions you ask about the differences between several of the big brown bears of Alaska are impossible to answer in the way you wish, without giving technical characters, for the reason that I know very little about the external differences, and have based the species on differences in skull and teeth. The Kadiak bear (Ursus middendorffi) does not require comparison with the Sitka bear (Ursus sitkensis) because of its very much greater size and wide differences in skull and teeth. However, it agrees very closely in size with the Big Bear of Alaska Peninsula (Ursus gyas) but has an exceedingly broad and highly arched skull, while gyas has a relatively low and narrow skull, be-

sides tooth differences. Furthermore, the skull of the Kadiak bear has a widely flaring muzzle, the nasal chamber expanding anteriorly, while in gyas of Alaska Peninsula the muzzle tapers anteriorly, as is usual among bears.

As to the weight of the Kadiak bear: I have a memorandum on the subject, but cannot lay my hand on it just at the moment. However, Phillipps-Wolley in his 'Big Game Shooting' quotes J. G. Tolman as stating that "a bear killed a few miles from a settlement weighed 1656 pounds". But I think Tolman is wrongly quoted, for, if I am not mistaken, he wrote me that this bear weighed about 1700 pounds after bleeding, so that its live weight must have exceeded 2000 pounds.

The large Kadiak bear formerly in the Washington Zoo died some time ago. I have not at hand the record of his weights, but feel sure that he did not ever reach 1200 pounds. Owing to lack of normal food he never was in really good condition.

Among all the Big Brown Bears the normal number of cubs seems to be two, although in some cases three are born at a time. The cubs often follow the mother for two or three years and it is not uncommon to find cubs of





two sizes with the mother. In several such cases where the cubs have been killed I have examined the skulls and found them to be of different ages.

With kindest regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lieut. G. T. Emmons
Greenholm
Princeton
New Jersey

February 12, 1916

Dear JC:

Yours of the 4th inst. has just arrived, which causes the suspicion that it may have been carried in somebody's pocket for a few days.

Regarding the Rancho La Brea bears: I shall be glad to cooperate with you in the way you suggest, by writing the part covering what you call the typical ursine bears (Ursus and Euarctos) if you really think this is the best thing to do. But I had supposed all along that you would include these in your general paper on the Fossil Bears of America, which you nearly finished several years ago. I am most anxious to have you publish the result of your studies in order that I may make use of it in my own work, as I have told you repeatedly.

To come back to La Brea bears: I have seen the skull of a female grizzly closely related to the Tejon grizzly, and a youngish skull of a black bear, differing from the existing black bears in the posterior lower premolar, which is somewhat intermediate in its condition between Euarctos and Ursus. I do not remember to have seen any other bear material from Rancho La Brea except Arctotherium.





We are glad to learn that Mt. Tamalpais is still above the floods, and have recently learned that our place has not suffered in any way from the superabundant rains. But we are grieved to hear that your house has been so roughly handled by the elements, and that your household has been invaded by diptheria.

Trusting that you are all well before this, and with love to you all, in which Elizabeth joins,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. John C. Merriam
Berkeley
Calif.

February 12, 1916

Mr. W. L. McAtee
Corresponding Secretary
Biological Society of Washington
Biological Survey
Washington D C

Dear Mr. McAtee:

Many thanks for your trouble in picking out and sending the brochures of the Proceedings of the Biological Society asked for. Enclosed are a bill and check for the amount ($1.95). I shall be obliged if you will kindly sign the bill and return same to me.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



February 12, 1916

Dear Mr. Libeu:

Your letter asking for garden vegetable seeds for yourself and B. Permasse of Santa Maria, reached me duly. It is not so easy to obtain seeds nowadays as it was twenty years ago, but through the kindness of Mr. O. F. Jones of the Bureau of Plant Industry, I am assured that special collections of seeds will be sent you both.

I was glad to hear from you and to receive the excellent photograph of your family, as well as the very nicely written letter by your daughter Rose.

I am now spending my summers in California, having a home at Lagunitas in Marin County, and some of these days I hope to see you and your family again at Zaca Lake.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Mr. J. B. Libeu
Los Olivos
Santa Barbara Co
Calif.

February 12, 1916

Mr. O. F. Jones
Executive Assistant
Bureau of Plant Industry
Dept. of Agriculture
Washington D C

Dear Mr. Jones:

Very many thanks for your favor of the 9th inst. informing me that you would send vegetable seeds to John Libeu, Los Olivos, Calif., and B. Permasse, Santa Maria, Calif. I appreciate your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours,



February 12, 1916

Mr. Charles S. Jenkins
Lansdale
Penn.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for yours of the 9th inst. with pamphlet relating to your revolving map-racks.

One thing is not clear to me, and I do not find it stated in the circular, namely: whether or not the prices quoted include the manila sheets for the attachment of the maps. This is very important of course, and, as I know from experience, it is very difficult for an ordinary person to attach the sheets properly. If the prices quoted do not cover the sheets, what would be the extra charge for attaching these to one of your 50 inch cylinders? Are your printed prices net, or do you allow a discount?

Very truly yours,

February 15, 1916

Dear Mr. Taverner:

Replying to yours of the 10th inst.: The mouse whose photographs you enclosed from H. H. Pittmann is the Plains Grasshopper Mouse (Onychomys leucogaster) described by Maximillian in 1841 and redescribed by Audubon and Bachman ten years later under the specific name missouriensis. If you are inclined to split very fine you may follow Hollister and recognize this western plains form as a subspecies, calling it Onychomys leucogaster missouriensis.

The photographs and Pittman's two letters I am returning to you herewith.

We were greatly shocked to learn of the burning of Parliament building, and regret to know that your Museum has been so much upset thereby. I shall be mighty glad to see the Arctic bear skull when you are able to attend to it.

It is good news that you have heard from Brooks recently, tho I am sorry he has lost the hearing of one ear. I wish we had him back on our side of the water.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. P. A. Taverner
Geological Survey
Ottawa
Canada



February 15, 1916

H
W. H. Pittman, Esq
Wauchope
Saskatchewan

Dear Sir:

Recently I have learned that you have had some success in photographing mammals. Are you not willing to sell mammal photographs? If so I wish you would send me a list of those you have, or still better, a series of prints for examination. I am trying to get hold of as many photographs as possible of North American mammals.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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February 15, 1916

Mr. Sel J. Wigley
Victoria
B. C.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing a batch of photographs. These I am returning herewith, except the one of the white rabbits, for which 20¢ is enclosed herewith.

I should like also to purchase prints of the snowshoe rabbit at close quarters, the coyote head, and the picture showing two young gophers standing up. These I presume to be the northern plains ground squirrel (Citellus richardsoni).

If you are willing to sell me prints of these I shall be very glad to purchase them. But I do not care for photographs of mounted animals. Your photos of shrubs are excellent, and I should be obliged if you will send me a list of the species you have already photographed.

I am glad to know that you are contemplating the publication of a nature book for children, and trust that you will make a special effort to have the illustrations properly identified.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 16, 1916

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Your letter of the 4th inst. transmitting an application from Miss Dora Keen for a grant of $5,000 to enable her to continue her studies of Alaska glaciers came duly, along with an outline of her plan.

Without having read the reports she has submitted to you on her previous work, I am not able to form a personal opinion of the value of what she is doing, but I have so much faith in the judgment of Alfred Brooks, who strongly endorses her application, that I should not hesitate to vote for the allotment. I am opposed however to the additional amount asked for for a moving-picture outfit.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor, Director
National Geographic Society
Washington
D. C.



February 16, 1916

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

About a year ago you asked me if I would write a review of Roosevelt and Heller's Life Histories of African Game Animals. Owing to pressure of various kinds, I have only recently finished this, and am handing it to you herewith.

I shall be obliged if you will let me know at your early convenience whether or not you care to publish it in the Geographic Magazine. In case you care for it, Scribners will of course furnish all the illustrations you want from the book in question, and also from African Game Trails. And I shall be glad of course to furnish the necessary text for the illustrations.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor, Director
National Geographic Society
Washington
D. C.

February 16, 1916

Dr. G. W. Harvey
Fillmore
California

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your recent letter enclosing your article on 'A Million Lodgers', which I read with much interest, and am returning herewith.

A number of robins' roosts in the southern states have been known for many years, and several of them have been described in ornithological literature, but so far as I remember, your account is the only one I have seen for California.

Did you really mean to say that you know a place where "hundreds of bears hibernate"? Wouldn't you knock off one or two? They must be as thick as rattlesnakes in a snake den. Where is the place? I think I should like to go there and dig a few out the next time I am in California.

You asked if the Government has made any investigation of the hibernation of wild animals. So far as I know the Government has not done this. But during the last hundred years many articles on the subject have been published.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.



February 16, 1916

My dear Miss Dickerson:

My review of Roosevelt and Heller's Life Histories of African Game Animals was written by request for the National Geographic Magazine, and is in the hands of Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor. Until he decides whether or not he wants it for the Geographic Magazine I cannot of course send it elsewhere. I saw him this morning and he has promised to let me know shortly. In case he does not want it I shall be very glad to send it to you for the American Museum Journal.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.

Miss Mary C. Dickerson
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

February 16, 1916

Mr. E. M. Axelson
Yakutat
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your last letter disappointed me as I had hoped you would be able to ship some more grizzly or brown bear skulls at the end of the season. I hope the Indians will bring out the skulls you mention as soon as the snow goes, even tho they may have lost some of the teeth and may be discolored. If they are large they will be worth a good price anyhow. In the case of all bears sent us, be sure to mention where they were killed -- whether on the northwest or southeast side of the bay.

I am not particularly interested in the freak bear you describe, especially since its skull is crushed. However, if the skin is in good condition for a Museum specimen I will give you $40 for it, including of course what is left of the skull. If it proves better than expected I will give you $50 for it, but do not care to promise more than $40 for it until I see it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



February 16, 1916

Mr. Charles J. Bayer
Lander
Wyoming

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 12th inst. is at hand. I am disappointed that you could not get the grizzly skull this winter, but shall be mighty glad to have it in the spring, if you are able to get hold of it as soon as the snow goes. Please do not forget it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

February 17, 1916

The American Chauffeur,
Butler Bldg
Cincinnati
Ohio

Dear Sirs:

The enclosed notice from you, dated February 7, indicates a misunderstanding in respect to my subscription to The American Chauffeur. On January 28 last I sent you a check in renewal of my subscription, and accepted your offer of a padlock in connection therewith. The padlock was duly received, showing that you received the subscription all right.

The present notice requesting renewal was sent to my summer address at Lagunitas, California, which probably accounts for the confusion. I spend the summers at Lagunitas, the winters in Washington, D. C., and therefore asked to have The Chauffeur sent me at my Washington address until spring, when I will notify you of my change of address.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



February 17, 1916

MacKay & Dippie
Calgary
Alberta
Canada

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of January 25 came duly, and was followed later by the eight grizzly bears sent by Dominion Express. I am very glad to have these. I have credited you as follows:

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| 1 old male | $25.00 | |
| 1 young adult male | 15.00 | |
| 2 old females @ $12 | 24.00 | |
| 1 adult female without under jaw | | 10.00 |
| 3 cubs @ $4 each | 12.00 | |

A check for them, amounting to $86.00, will be sent you the first of the month from my fund in the Smithsonian Institution.

If you are able to secure any additional skulls of grizzly bears, I shall be very glad to purchase them at good prices, as I am anxious to obtain as many skulls as possible during the coming spring and early summer. They should be addressed as before: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. Some additional labels are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 17,1916

Dear Doctor Willis:

Very many thanks for your kindness in replying so promptly to my letter about Pemberton. I thought he would be a good man for the Biological Survey, as we are badly off just now for men of capacity who might grow into head positions within a few years. But Pemberton is a high-priced man, requiring a salary of more than $3000, and further specifying that he would not take anything but field work of an arduous nature. Our mistake was in not getting hold of him several years ago.

It was good of you to write us such a kindly letter about your visit to Doctor Stephens. He wrote me also, telling how much he and his friends enjoyed your talk, and how glad he was to have you with him over night.

Looking forward to a weekend with you and your good wife at Lagunitas on our return, and with best wishes to you both, in which Mrs. Merriam joins,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Bailey Willis
Stanford University
California



February 16, 1916

Dear Mr. Elliott:

Your letter about the post office matter came duly, and I have made inquiry here and think there will be no trouble.

trusting that you all are well, and that you will have no more floods during the present season.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. C. B. Elliott
Lagunitas
California

February 17, 1916

Dear Doctor Shreve:

It seems impossible that more than a month has slipped by since the receipt of your letter from Baltimore. I had intended to write you at once, but things worked out wrong. Mrs. Merriam surprised herself by developing a severe bronchitis, which put her to bed, and just as she was about well I developed the same trouble. Now we are both on our feet again, and hope to see you and Mrs. Shreve in the near future. Let us know what day you can lunch with us, or, better still, if you are going to be in town over night, let us have you for dinner and the evening. We would ask you to put in a night at our house, but for the unfortunate fact that we have no spare room.

Referring again to the matter of geographic distribution: I did not set out to argue with you over the facts of distribution, but merely to file a kick against being misquoted.

I quite agree with you that "ten degrees at one part of the temperature scale are not equal to ten degrees in another part in their physiological effect; and also that numerous other details require careful study in the field. Nevertheless, I feel sure that





when you have studied the distribution of trees and shrubs over the whole continent, under varying conditions of humidity and aridity, you will come around to agree with me in the belief that temperature is the most important factor in determining the larger zone boundaries.

With best wishes to you both, and hoping to see you soon,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Dr. Forrest Shreve
2755 Maryland Avenue
Baltimore
Maryland

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February 17, 1916

Mr. William R. Green
Greendale via Linwood
Utah

Dear Sir:

The second grizzly skull you sent arrived duly, and before this you have doubtless received a check for the entire account, amounting to $50.

If you are able to secure additional grizzlies during the coming season I shall be very glad to purchase the same at good prices. I am especially anxious to obtain adult or old skulls of both male and female grizzlies.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

February 18, 1916

Dear Miss Dickerson:

Mr. Grosvenor has just returned as not suitable for the Geographic Magazine, my review of Roosevelt and Heller's Life Histories of African Game Animals. In accordance with my promise I em enclosing it to you herewith, and if you find it suitable for the Museum Journal I shall be glad to have you make use of it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Miss Mary C. Dickerson
American Museum of Natural History
New York City



EAST AFRICA THE GAME GARDEN OF THE WORLD

BY

C. HART MERRIAM

In North America less than a century ago the western plains supported vast herds of big-game animals -- antelope, buffalo, elk, and mule deer -- accompanied by bands of hungry wolves and usually also by a few grizzly bears. But the steadily increasing pressure of armed explorers, hunters, and fur-traders, followed by stockmen and later by ranchmen, told heavily on the wild game until at present antelope, except in the Yellowstone National Park, are reduced to a few small bands; the buffalo as a wild animal except in the Yellowstone and the Canadian Northwest has ceased to exist; the plains grizzly has been exterminated; the elk and mule-deer have been forced back into the less accessible parts of distant mountains or have taken refuge in our National Parks, while of the original Plains animals the wolf alone remains in material numbers -- and he has altered his habits to meet the changed conditions, keeping out of sight in the daytime, and preying at night on the settlers' cattle in place of the buffalo of bygone days.

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In other countries, including South Africa, the course of events has been much the same. But in East Africa, owing partly to the astonishing tardiness of exploration and settlement, and partly to the foresight of the British Government in setting aside large areas as game preserves, wild beasts are still to be found in amazing abundance. And the number of kinds is no less surprising than the number of individuals. Nowhere else on the globe exists an assemblage of game animals in any way comparable; indeed, the number is almost beyond belief. For instance, not less than thirty species of antelopes, gazelles, steinbucks, hartebeests, elands, and their allies, inhabit the region at the present time, besides giraffes, zebras, buffalos, elephants, rhinoceroses, hippos, lions, leopards, cheetahs, jackals, and hyenas.

During the past half century this surprising wealth of game animals has attracted hunters from all quarters of the globe. In the comparatively brief period from the discoveries time of Speke and Grant to the hunting expeditions of Selous, Harry Johnston, and Roosevelt, a literature on African game has sprung up and grown to voluminous if not formidable proportions. But it has remained for Roosevelt and his

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field assistant Heller, as a direct outgrowth of the Smithsonian-Roosevelt African Expedition to write the Life Histories of African Game Animals -- a book which for all time will stand as a treasure-house of information on the geography and general natural history of the region.[1]

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[1] Life Histories of African Game Animals by Theodore Roosevelt and Edmund Heller, with illustrations from photographs, and from drawings by Philip R. Goodwin; and with 40 faunal maps. 2 vols. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons. 1914.

The account of the expedition, entitled African Game Trails, by Theodore Roosevelt, was published four years earlier (Scribner's 1910) and to lovers of wild nature is a book of thrilling interest.

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In training, field experience, knowledge of animals, and literary ability, the authors form a rather remarkable combination. Roosevelt had long been recognized as the most pleasing writer and highest authority on the habits and hunting of the big-game animals of North America; Heller had attained the reputation of one of the world's most experienced and successful mammal collectors, having previously worked in East Africa (on both the Elliot and Akeley Expeditions), and in western North America from Alaska to the deserts of Southern California and Nevada. Hence in the writing, the life histories

naturally fell to Roosevelt; the geographic ranges and descriptions of species to Heller.

In the preface and early part of the book the authors outline the routes and geographic areas covered by the expedition, describe the natural features and dominant elements of the flora, give an admirable summary of the history of East and Middle Africa, mentioning the accomplishments of successive explorers and hunter-naturalists, and digress far enough to discuss such general subjects as game preserves, the geographic distribution of animals, the systematic relations of genera, species, and subspecies, the derivation of the fauna geographically and paleontologically, and the theories of concealing and revealing coloration in relation to natural selection.

Whether or not one always agrees with their conclusions, it must be admitted that the discussions abound in interesting observations and entertaining comments and deductions.

In many instances fundamental scientific truths are expressed with more than ordinary clearness. Thus in speaking of the ranges of animals and plants we are told that every species has a





tendency to enlarge its area of distribution, and that "the distribution of each species marks the limits within which it is able successfully to compete with its environment. It would appear therefore a comparatively easy matter to determine the factors which are accountable for the distribution of any species; and yet no task in natural history is more difficult... The distribution of one species may depend upon the distribution of its food-plants or animals, of another upon its natural enemies, of another upon climatic conditions; while yet others may be limited in distribution by natural boundaries such as large bodies of water or high mountains."

Later, the authors mention the physical obstacle imposed by the Tana River, which "acts as a barrier across the desert portion of the coast slope from Mt. Kenia eastward to the sea," separating the ranges of a dozen game animals, including zebras, giraffes, oryx, hartebeests, gazelles, antelopes, and wart hogs. One's surprise at the effectiveness of a river barrier is relieved by the remark that "the aversion which most antelopes have for crossing rivers is due no doubt chiefly to the fear of attack

by the crocodiles which haunt the streams."

Throughout the work the animals are discussed with reference to their environment -- the features imposed by geography, vegetation, and climate begin kept constantly in mind. We are told that the mammals of equatorial Africa, unlike those of northern regions, "have no definite season for shedding their coats, nor are they subject to any seasonal climatic change which would necessitate such a change." And further, that there seems to be no definite breeding season in East Africa, there being "no climatic necessity for such a habit".

Roosevelt's writings on North American game animals have proved him an unusually keen and accurate observer, eager to learn just what the animals are doing, and certain to record what he has seen while still fresh in mind. Hence it is not surprising that his accounts of hunting strange beasts in a new field, as told in his African Game Trails and Life Histories of African Game Animals, should abound in detailed observations, often enlivened with spirited scenes and thrilling incidents.

Heller's descriptions of the animals are clearly stated, easily understood, and may be regarded as models of their kind. The matter relating





to geographic ranges has been written from the vantage ground of familiarity with the species both in life and in literature, and the text is supplemented by a series of maps showing graphically the areas inhabited. There are no less than 40 of these maps, constituting, it is hardly necessary to add, one of the most valuable features of the work.

Another commendable feature is the publication of the native names of the animals in the languages of several tribes. These names sooner or later are sure to be of assistance to ethnologists and are likely to be the means of avoiding errors in the transcription of animal myths and tales for, unhappily, ethnologists are seldom naturalists.

Heller has enjoyed rare opportunities and has accomplished what no other naturalist ever attempted; for in addition to the 600 specimens of some 70 species brought back by the Expedition, he has studied the W. L. Abbott and Paul Rainey African Collections in our National Museum, the collections of the American Museum of Natural History in New York, the Field Museum in Chicago, the Powell-Cotton collection in England, and the rich collections in the National Museums of Great Britain, Germany, Bel-

gium, and France.

In comprehensiveness, thoroughness, popular interest, and in the scientific value of its contributions to knowledge, the Life Histories of African Game Animals is far and away the best book ever written on the big-game animals of any part of the world.



February 18, 1916

Mr. Charles A. Gianini
Poland
New York

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th inst., would say that you are entirely right in the belief that two species of Big Brown Bears (Ursus gyas and Ursus kidderi) inhabit Alaska Peninsula. These species are entirely distinct from one another. U. gyas is very much larger than U. kidderi, the females of gyas about equaling in size the males of kidderi. Both species occur throughout the entire length of Alaska Peninsula, and in many places both occur together on the same ground. Both were killed by Kidder and Blake at Chinitna, and both by the Mixter Brothers and C. R. Cross at Port Moller.

Wishing you a successful hunt,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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February 18, 1916

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Thanks for your promptness in returning my review of Roosevelt's book. I quite agree with you in the feeling that the time is too late. I feel also, and have felt all along, that the matter was hardly suited to the needs of the magazine.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor, Director
National Geographic Society
Washington
D C

February 18, 1916

Dr. Isaiah Bowman
American Geographic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York City

Dear Doctor Bowman:

Last summer Dr. Cyrus C. Adams, then editor of the Bulletin of the American Geographical Society, asked me to write a review of Dall's Biography of Spencer F. Baird. I had given up writing reviews several years previously, but in this particular case felt that Professor Baird had done so much toward shaping my early career as a naturalist, that I owed this much to his memory. I therefore wrote the review, and on September 7, 1915 sent it from my summer home at Lagunitas, California, to Doctor Adams, at the same time returning the book reviewed. They were sent by mail insured, in order to take no chances. But I never had any anknowledgment of their receipt, nor have I heard from them in any way up to the present time.

I am writing therefore to inquire whether or not the manuscript of this review is in your possession, and if so, whether you care to publish it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



February 18, 1916

Mr. Charles S. Jenkins
Lansdale
Penn.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 14th inst. Since writing I have decided to take one of the 56 inch cylinders instead of the 50 inch, in order to mount some large maps. I shall be obliged therefore if you will send me a 56 inch revolving map rack, with sheets of your new paper in place ready for attaching the maps.

I am very glad to know that you have a paper which is better and stronger than manilla, as the manilla becomes dead after awhile, and breaks in places, especially along the edges.

Please notify me of date of shipment and send bill to above address.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 23, 1916

Dear Chris:

Your letter of the 21st from Cambridge came this morning, and was both a disappointment and a relief. We had been looking for you hourly since the 17th, and feared something had happened to you. On the other hand, we are greatly disappointed that you did not come to see us. You must have been scared stiff by that verdict from the Interior Department or you would not have beaten such a hasty retreat.

However, we are glad to know that you are going South, and that we shall see you on your return. We hope Mrs. Jorgensen will be with you. We should ask you to put up with us, except for the melancholy fact that we have not so much as a spare cot, let alone a real bed.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Chris Jorgensen
94 Brattle Street
Cambridge
Mass.

The letter which came for you is forwarded to your Cambridge address by this mail.



February 23, 1916

Mr. Charles S. Jenkins
Lansdale
Penn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. horrifies me. I do not want to wait thirty days for the map-rack, as that time will be so near the date of my departure for California that I am not likely to be able to mount the maps this year. Have you not in stock a rack a little shorter than this? Anything from 50 to 54 inches will answer. But I am anxious to get the rack at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

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February 23, 1916

Dear Mr. Scull:

It is with genuine regret that I am forced to decline your invitation to attend the Annual Dinner of the Wilderness Club on Saturday, the 26th inst. The fact that the dinner is to be given in the big-game room of Mr. Madeira's country house makes my regret all the more keen.

With kindest regards to Mr. Madeira and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. E. Marshall Scull, Secretary
Wilderness Club
900 North American Building
Philadelphia
Penn.

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February 23, 1916

Mr. Joseph Howell,
Dunlap
Fresno Co.
Calif.

Dear Sir:

A clipping from the 'Fresno Republican' states that you have recently killed a large grizzly bear near Camp Kanawyer. I hope you preserved both skin and skull, and should be glad to pay you a liberal price for the same.

Is the skull badly injured? Or is it in good condition? And is the skin perfect? -- by which I mean did you leave the claws, lips and ears on the hide so that it could be used for a Museum specimen? If the skin is in good condition, and the skull is reasonably perfect, I should be glad to pay you from $50 to $80 for the skin and skull, the exact value being determined after the specimen is sent on for examination. If you care to sell it please ship by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

I assume you either salted the skin or dried it without salt. The best way is to put salt on the green hide and allow it to stand for a couple of days, after which the hide should be dried in the shade. Was the bear a male or a female? And when and where was it killed?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 25, 1916

Dear Doctor Walcott:

Replying to your letter of the 24th inst. on the subject of the mammals collected by Heller on Professor Bingham's Yale-Geographic Society's Expedition to the Peruvian Andes, would say that the arrangement, as I understood it, was that the National Geographic Society would pay Heller's salary and field expenses, and that on the return of the expedition, the mammal collection was to be worked up for publication by Heller, after which the collection was to become the property of the National Museum. So far as known to me, there seems to be no reason why this arrangement should not be carried out. Heller made a really remarkable collection, comprising fine series of some of the rarest of known mammals; and as I understand from Professor Bingham, has full field notes concerning the various species collected.

You ask my opinion as to whether it is feasible to properly work up the mammals in this country. I believe it is entirely feasible. While the types of many South American mammals are in the British and other foreign Museums, there are now, as you know, rich collections in the Field Museum and the American Museum in New York, in





addition to the material in our National Museum. And in cases where it is necessary to compare with types in the British Museum, Oldfield Thomas, Curator of Mammals in that Museum, has always been very glad to make the comparisons for American workers in this field.

You doubtless realize that the time for monographic work on South American mammals is still far away, and that all work for years to come must be more or less preliminary.

Very truly yours.

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Charles D. Walcott
Secretary, Smithsonian Institution
Washington
D. C.

Professor Bingham's letter which you enclosed is returned herewith.

February 25, 1916

Standard Book Co.
98 Park Place
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find my check for $1.86 for which kindly send me the following books as offered in your list No. 93:

Yellowstone National Park by H. M. Chittenden .75

Trails and Tramps in Alaska and Newfoundland by William S. Thomas 1913 .95

I have added 16¢ for postage to the cost of the books.

Very truly yours,

C. Matthewson

February 25, 1916

Dear Grinnell:

Last evening I finished reading your 'Fighting Cheyennes'. It is a great book -- by far the most important of your numerous valuable publications. One cannot but be amazed at the enormous amount of historical material you have collected relating to the Indian battles on the Plains.

It is something that our country should be proud of -- that the only man in the world fitted to do such a piece of work has given the time and labor necessary for its accomplishment. It is the work of a lifetime; and if it were your only publication, would place you far to the front among American historians.

One cannot read it without realizing the misinformation in most published works dealing with the Plains and Plains Indians. The parts of our histories relating to this region will, in the light of your findings, require radical revision.

Incidentally you are mighty hard on the Army. It makes one's blood boil to read your simple, ungarnished accounts of the atrocities committed under the direction of some of the officers.

You have done good service to the Indians, to the cause of truth and justice, and to the history of our country. I congratulate you.

With love to Mrs. Grinnell and yourself,

As ever yours,



February 25, 1916

Dear Mr. Madeira:

Your telegram urging me to come to the Wilderness Club dinner, reached me yesterday, and is deeply appreciated. The trouble is just this: The ebrly part of last week some friends from California were here for a couple of days. We happened to have a snow-storm followed by the coldest snap of the winter, just at that time. Our friends thought it a great treat to fall in with a snow-storm, and were not worried by the cold that followed. As a result I spent a considerable part of two days in driving them over the country in my car, and very foolishly from force of habit kept on my spectacles. For the next two or three days the bridge of my nose made a fairly successful attempt to imitate the hump of a camel, and in color resembled a boiled lobster. I put on too much iodine, causing an iodine burn, with attendant swelling around both eyes. The nose then began to peel, and during the last few days has shed at least half a dozen skins. However, by keeping it well coated with lanolin, a great change for the better has taken place during the past twenty-four hours, and if I find myself fairly presentable tomorrow (Saturday morning) I will go to Phila-

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delphia so as to reach the Bellevue-Stratford by the middle of the afternoon.

In case I go, which now seems probable, I shall not know how to reach your country place, but will go to the Racquet Club to inquire.

From what I have told you, you will understand the reason why I declined the invitation to the dinner. If in the morning my nose has continued to improve as much as during the past day, I shall have the pleasure of meeting you again, and the other members of the Wilderness Club.

Very truly yours,

C. Matt American

Mr. Percy C. Madeira, President
Wilderness Club
900 North American Building
Philadelphia
Penn.

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February 25, 1916

Mr. A. L. Fearrien
Bair Ranch
Redwood Creek via Arcata
Calif.

Dear Sir:

On January 11 I wrote you concerning a grizzly bear which the papers stated you had recently killed, and asked if you were willing to sell the skin and skull at a good price -- $50 to $75 according to condition. No reply has been received. Did you not get my letter? I am very anxious to obtain this specimen for our National Museum, and at all events, should be glad if you would tell me just when and where you killed it, and whether it was male or female, old or young.

Hoping to hear from you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

If you are willing to sell the skin and skull, please send [redacted] by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

February 26, 1916

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Yours of yesterday received, transmitting a letter from George O. Smith, Director U. S. Geological Survey. The latter I am returning herewith.

I observe that Mr. Smith has renamed the Chuska Plateau 'Defiance Plateau' -- in defiance of the decision of the U. S. Geographic Board.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles S. Sloane
Secretary
Geographic Board
Washington
D. C.



Washington, D. C. Feb 26, 6

Percy C. Madeira
900 North American Bldg.
Philadelphia, Penn.

Will be with you this evening. Will go direct to Bellevue Stratford

C Hart Merriam

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March 1, 1916

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington
D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed is my account for February amounting to $49.95, and also eleven bills and vouchers enumerated below, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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|---|---|
| MacKay & Dippie -- Grizzly bear skulls | $86.00 |
| Zenaida Merriam -- Services | 22.50 |
| Woodward & Lothrop -- Books | 5.60 |
| Sears Roebuck & Co. -- Books | 71.79 |
| John W. Cadby -- Books | 7.50 |
| Charles S. Jenkins -- Map rack | 58.00 |
| Regents, Univ. of Calif. -- Books | 5.00 |
| Ross & Wells -- Lighting Fixtures | 11.40 |
| Yawman & Erbe -- Steel filing cases | 115.50 |
| " " Steel Transfer Cases | 13.00 |
| Office rent for March and telephone | 66.90 |

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The Northumberland, Washington, D. C.

| 1916 | FEBRUARY ACCOUNT | | Sub Voucher | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 7 | Yale University Press--Huntington: 'Civilization and Climate' | | 1 | 250 |
| 8 | John Clark Co.-- Indian Pamphlets | | 2 | 242 |
| 10 | Fidelity Storage Co. Hauling large map cases from house to office | | 3 | 400 |
| 14 | Biological Society of Washington--Separates | | 4 | 195 |
| 14 | Roosevelt: 'African Game Trails' (cheap edition) | | | 98 |
| 25 | Standard Book Co.---Chittenden: 'Yellowstone National Park', 90¢; Thomas: 'Trails and Tramps in Alaska and Newfoundland', $1.00 | | | 190 |
| 26-27 | Trip to Philadelphia--Wilderness Club Meeting | | | |
| 26 | Return trip fare--Washn.- Phila. | 6.80 | | |
| | Seat, Parlor Car Washn-Phila. | .75 | 5 | |
| | Lunch on train | .80 | | |
| | Taxi, Station at Phila. to hotel | .50 | | |
| | Room, Hotel Bellevue-Stratford, Phila. | 4.00 | 6 | |
| 27 | Breakfast, Philadelphia | .75 | | |
| | Taxi, Hotel to Station | .50 | | |
| | Lunch on train | .75 | | |
| | Seat, Parlor Car, Phila.-Washn. | .75 | 7 | 1560 |
| 28 | Telegram to Lansdale, Penn. concerning maprack | | | 26 |
| | Potomac Electric Light & Power Co--Electric current | | 8 | 100 |
| | Expressage on maprack from Lansdale, Penna. | | 9 | 271 |
| | Expressage on books from Chicago | | 10 | 89 |
| | Expressage on books from New York | | 11 | 36 |
| | R. P. Andrews Paper Co. Envelopes for photos | | 12 | 50 |
| | Carfare for work at Library of Congress | | | 100 |
| | Services of charwoman for cleaning office apartment during month of February, $3.50; waxing floors, $2.50 | | 13 | 600 |
| | Janitor, office apartment | | | 100 |
| | Stamps and stamped envelopes | | | 185 |
| | Cadmus Book Shops-Rept. Bureau of Ethnology vol. 3 | | 14 | 118 |
| | Subscription to Boonville Herald | | 15 | 150 |
| | Columbia Photo Supply Co. Envelopes for photos | | 16 | 235 |
| | | | | $4995 |

MacKay & Dippie

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

1916

Feb. 17 8 Grizzly bear skulls from Yukon and British Columbia as follows:

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| 1 old male | | |
| 1 young-adult male | | 2500 |
| 2 old females | @ $12.00 | 1500 |
| 1 adult female without underjaw | | 2400 |
| 3 cubs | @ $4.00 | 1000 |
| | | 1200 |

$8600

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86.00



Zenaida Merriam

The Northumberland, Washington, D. C.

1916

Feb. 29 Services as assistant 10 days @ $2.25 per day 2250

$2250

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22.50

Woodward & Lothrop

Washington D. C.

1916

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| Feb. 9 | Armstrong: Field-book of Western Wild Flowers | 2 00 | |
| | Brown: Alpine Flora of the Canadian Rocky Mts. | 3 00 | |
| " 28 | Eastman: Indian Today | 60 | |
| | | | $5 60 |

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5.60

C. Hart Merriam



Sears Roebuck & Co.

Chicago, Ill.

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|---|---|---|---|
| Feb. 26 | 'Handy Volume' issue of Encyclopedia Britannica 29 vols. | 68 54 | |
| | Bookcase for set | 3 25 | |
| | | | $71 79 |

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C. Hart Merriam

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March 1, 1916

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington
D C

Dear Mr. Adams:

In connection with my January account you enclosed a memorandum calling attention to the absence of certain subvouchers. This leads me to remark that you may not be aware that I am under no obligation whatever to furnish any subvouchers in connection with any of my accounts. This was a part of the original agreement between Mrs. Harriman, the Smithsonian Institution, and myself. Mrs. Harriman was rather emphatic on this point, insisting that she did not wish to put me to the trouble of obtaining subvouchers.

However, as you know, I have always sent you a considerable number of subvouchers. This I have done for my own satisfaction only -- not because there was any other reason why I should do so -- and I expect to follow the same course in future in cases where the obtaining of subvouchers does not involve too much trouble and loss of time.

In the case of subscriptions to journals and magazines I have found it particularly difficult to obtain receipted bills, and in many instances have written the pub-

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lishers as many as three letters asking for receipts. They usually reply by calling my attention to the fact that the date of expiration of subscription is stamped on the wrapper, and therefore a receipted bill is not necessary (from their standpoint)!

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 1, 1916

Frank Bond, Esq
Chief Clerk,
General Land Office
Washington, D C

Dear Mr. Bond:

In connection with my work as a member of the Executive Committee of the U. S. Geographic Board, I have wasted so much time in getting at necessary maps that I have recently invested in a Jenkins revolving map rack, on which 100 or more maps may be made readily accessible. In order to utilize the latest maps of your department for this purpose, I shall be very greatly obliged if you will send me the most recent editions of the following.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Alaska
Arkansas
Arizona
California
Colorado
Florida
Idaho
Iowa
Kansas
Louisiana
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Mexico
North Dakota
Oklahoma
Oregon
South Dakota
Utah
Washington
Wisconsin
Wyoming

March 3, 1916

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Thanks for your letter of the 17th inst. just received, with photograph of part of the skull and horn-cores of an extinct species of buffalo. I am glad to know that the specimen is going to the Museum of the Academy of Sciences at San Francisco. Either that institution or the paleontological department of the University of California at Berkeley would be the proper receptacle for treasures of this kind.

The bird you describe is the Water Ouzel (Cinclus mexicanus), a species which is common along the mountain streams of the Rocky Mountains from New Mexico far north into Canada, and also throughout the Cascade-Sierra system, and occurs in places also in the coast mountains of California. Your description of its habits and appearance is excellent, leaving no possible doubt as to the identify of the bird. It constructs a large subglobular nest of moss, which it usually places in the niche of a rock behind or alongside of a waterfall.

Miss Dorothy Trout returned to her home here some weeks ago and is looking particularly well. She has entirely recovered from the injury to her foot.





We have had an open winter, with very little snow. It is snowing today however, but we hope it will not last.

Your city of Copco is a new one to me, altho I am somewhat familiar with the Klamath River from Hornbrook up to Happy Camp, and down to its junction with Klamath Lake.

Hoping we shall see you at Lagunitas next summer, and with kindest regards, in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. E. P. Campbell
Copco via Hornbrook
Calif.

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March 3, 1916

Dear JC:

The enclosed photograph of part of the skull and horn-cores of an extinct buffalo has just come to hand, badly damaged in the mail. It was sent me by Erroll P. Campbell, whose present address is Copco via Hornbrook, California. Campbell is an engineer in the employ of the Siskiyou Electric Power and Light Company. He tells me that the skull was excavated about a month ago from the sub-river gorge of the Klamath River, and came from the gravel and debris that fills the deep sub-river chasm at a point about 90 feet below the present river bottom. He does not say who the specimen belongs to, but it is to be sent to the Academy of Sciences, San Francisco. Thinking this might be of special interest to you, I am passing it along at once.

With best wishes to you all,

As ever yours,

Prof. J. C. Merriam
Berkeley
Calif.

March 7, 1916

Dear Fuertes:

Glad to hear from you again and to know that you are going to be here in April. It will do us all good to see you.

As to the basket: From your sketch it looks like a Tonto Apache. But when you come to putting a value on it, one has mighty little to stand on. The value of a basket is largely fictitious, depending on what the other fellow is willing to pay for it. Intrinsically it has no established valuation. For Arizona baskets of this size and general character I have usually paid $2 to $3 each, although I have bought a number for $1 to $1.50. For those possessing more complicated original designs, I have paid in exceptional cases as high as $5 or $6. This is merely my personal experience, and I don't happen to have any other to go by.

It is good to know that you have taken up mammal work. You will probably recall the fact that for years I tried to induce you to do this, but you always declined.

With best wishes to Mrs. Fuertes and yourself,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Louis Agassiz Fuertes
Cornell Heights
Ithaca
New York



March 7, 1916

Mr. Frank Bond
Chief Clerk
General Land Office
Washington
D. C.

Dear Mr. Bond:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in responding to my request for Land Office Maps. They arrived three or four days ago, and are already adorning my new map-roll, where they will be of the greatest use.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 9, 1916

Mackay & Dippie
Calgary
Alberta
Canada

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your letter of the 23rd inst. acknowledging mine of the 17th. Before this you have doubtless received from the Smithsonian a check of $86 in payment for the last batch of grizzly bear skulls.

I am glad to learn that you have two more good skulls of grizzlies, and are expecting others. Please send the two you have on hand without waiting for more, as I am anxious to see them as soon as possible. The others can follow as soon as they come in. Address as before: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. The omitted tags are enclosed herewith. Be sure that your name is on each package, so there may be no doubt as to whom it is from.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



March 9, 1916

Sears Roebuck & Co
Chicago
Illinois

Dear Sirs:

A few days ago a check of $71.79 was sent you from the Smithsonian Institution in payment for a copy of your 'Handy Volume' edition of Encyclopedia Britannica purchased through S. Kann & Company of this city. Your number for this transaction, according to the enclosed postal card, is MP 3156.

As you will see from the receipt sent herewith, I paid Kann $1 on account on February 14 as required by their contract with you. Said dollar therefore is now due to be returned to me.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 9, 1916

Mr. Isaac Scott
Warder Bldg
Washington
D C

Dear Sir:

Yours of yesterday recieved. Unfortunately I cannot help you, as I am not the man you have in mind, and do not know Dr. Martin; neither have I ever visited your establishment.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 9, 1916

Dear Mr. Norton:

Pardon me for not replying earlier to your kind letter of February 22 about the Glacier Bear skin, which you were kind enough to have Rowland ship to us. It came all right, but unfortunately I was not able to go to the Museum until today, and therefore have only just seen it. It is a beautiful skin, and shows the slightest leaning I have seen from the Black Bear phase toward the Glacier Bear phase. Shall I return the skin direct to Thomas Rowland?

Thanks for the information that your Black Bears were all killed by you at Yakutat Bay.

But you did not reply to the question asked in my last letter as to the date of killing of your old grizzly from Klappan Creek. The skull, which you were kind enough to give us, shows that the animal was a very old male.

You must have had an entertaining time in the Adirondacks in February. I have made several snowshoe trips on the west side of the Adirondacks in winter.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 10, 1916

Mr. H. H. Pittman
Box 28, Wauchope
Saskatchewan
Canada

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me a batch of prints of your mammal photographs. They are all of interest to me, and I shall be glad to purchase the entire series if you will let me know the price. There are three 3X4 prints, four apparently larger prints trimmed to 3X4, and five still larger, making twelve in all. May I keep these prints and pay you for same on receipt of bill?

I should like also to obtain duplicate prints of numbers 1120 and 1255, showing more background -- not trimmed so close. These two are particularly interesting in showing protective coloration of rabbits. In what part of Alberta was the buffalo skull found?

I should be greatly obliged if you would send me from time to time such additional photographs of native animals as you succeed in taking, with privilege of purchasing same.

I note that you retain copyright in all cases. I suppose you mean that you will not sell exclusive copy-





right, but that you would be willing to sell the right of publication. The reason I ask is that I am making as complete a collection as possible of illustrations of American mammals in order to have material for a selection to illustrate my forthcoming works on the mammals of North America. It may be years before they are used, but I always like to file the right of publication with each set of photographs to save time and trouble later on.

Before closing I wish to congratulate you on the unusual excellence of your photographs of small mammals.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 13, 1916

The Cadmus Book Shop
150 West 34th Street
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for Catalog 39 just received. From this I should be glad ifyou would kindly send on approval the following books:

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| 153 | American Travels. Kalm, Peter: Travels into North America. 1770 | | $8.00 |
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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 13, 1916

Dear Doctor Hough:

Herewith I am presenting to the National Museum a smoke-dried head of a Brazilian Indian, obtained on the headwaters of the Tapajos River, about forty years ago, by a young man named Ernest T. Morris.

In the fall of 1877 or the very early spring of 1878, Morris escaped in a small boat, and by traveling at night and hiding during the day, succeeded in descending the Tapajos to the Amazon, and thence in reaching Para. He brought with him several of these heads -- eight if I remember rightly -- and being anxious to dispose of them as quickly as possible, appealed to me for assistance. I purchased this one, the American Museum purchased two, and Dr. Sabine one. I have forgotten about the others.

For the past thirty years my head has stood on a high case in my den. On taking it down a few days ago I was shocked to find that it had been damaged by insects. Viewed at a little distance however, the work of the insects is scarcely noticeable.

Trusting that you will be able to restore the specimen, and that it will prove of value to the collection,

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible] Thomas

Dr. Walter Hough
Curator of Ethnology
U. S. Nat. Mus.



March 13, 1916

Dear Doctor Richmond:

Thanks for calling my attention to some information from the Hudson's Bay Company relating to the receipt of Black, Brown, and Grizzly Bears during the years 1848 to 1857. I shall be very glad to see this, and will call at your office in a few days.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible] Thomas

Dr. Charles W. Richmond,
Dept. of Ornithology
U. S. National Museum
Washington
D. C.

March 13, 1916.

My dear Thomas:

It was good to see your handwriting again after so long an interval. I have often thought of you during these troublesome times, and have been much pleased to see that your publications on mammals have not been stopped.

What you tell me about the discontinuance of Knud Anderson's work pains me, and I have delayed writing in the hope that some means would occur to me by which the necessary funds might be raised over here, but so far, I regret to say, without result.

I am still tugging away on the bears, and during the past year have got hold of more than 100 additional skulls, mainly from parts in British Columbia, Yukon, and Alaska. The extreme difficulty of obtaining enough adult males to admit of working out the ranges, and in some cases the characters also, of the various species, has been most discouraging. However, in the light of the knowledge of a few years ago, we have made rather remarkable progress.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Mr. Oldfield Thomas
British Museum (Natural History)
Cromwell Road
London, S. W.
England



March 13, 1916

Dear Bailey:

Was glad to receive your letter of the 1st inst. from Livingston, and to know that the prospects for a successful trip looked good to you at that time. I hope everything has turned out to your satisfaction, and that you will succeed in making some kind of a count which will add to existing knowledge.

The skull Evans promised to send has not yet arrived.--neither has the photograph of the 1200 pound grizzly.

Hope you will dig up some bear skulls while in the Park region, or at least get the addresses of hunters or others who may have some on hand or be able to get a few in future. I will pay $2 to $4 for skulls of blacks and $5 to $25 for grizzlies, according to sex, age, and condition.

Thus far all is well at both houses.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Vernon Bailey
Gardner
Montana

March 13, 1916

Woodward & Lothrop Co.
Washington
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please enter my order for 'Blackfeet Tales of Glacier National Park' by James Willard Schultz, to be published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. in April.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



March 13, 1916

Hudson Book Company
25 West 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Sirs:

The long lost copy of Schuck's 'California Scrap Book' (1869) which you sent by express, addressed to me at Lagunitas, I succeeded in locating a short time ago, and the book has been returned to me here, arriving this noon. Your bill for same ($6.28) will be paid about the first of April.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

March 13, 1916

Mr. E. W. Nelson
Assistant Chief, Biological Survey
Washington
D. C.

Dear Nelson:

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Another shipment from the same man and place, started two and a half months later, arrived a few days ago. Would it not be well to stir up the Collector at Seattle to see if he is not again holding up specimens addressed to the Survey?

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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March 13, 1916

Col. H. C. Rizer
Chief Clerk, Geological Survey
Washington
D C

Dear Colonel Rizer:

The Survey List 96 of new publications contains titles of two which I should be very glad to have if copies remain for distribution. They are Professional Paper 98-A 'Evaporation of Brine from Searles Lake, Cal.', and Bulletin 621-M 'Geology and Oil Prospects of Cuyama Valley, Cal.'

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Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Retake of Preceding Frame

March 13, 1916

Hon. W. J. Bowser
Commissioner of Fisheries
Victoria
B. C.

Dear Sir:

If you have copies to spare, I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me your Report as Commissioner of Fisheries for British Columbia for the years 1912 and 1913.

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam -



March 13, 1916

Mr. H. Desoto
Agent, San Geronimo
Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. and the book which has been so long in your office, arrived today, for which I am obliged.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

March 15, 1916

Out-of-Doors Publishing Co.
610 Grant Bldg.
San Francisco
Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Since returning to Washington the last of October I have not received any copies of 'California Out-Of-Doors'. This leads me to think that my subscription must have expired. Heretofore I have subscribed for two copies, one to be sent to Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif., the other to 'The Northumberland', Washington, D. C. so that I may have a complete file at each end of the line.

I have not received any bill, but am enclosing herewith $1 to continue subscriptions to the two above address. Kindly have me notified when subscription expires, and I will refund promptly.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Kindly extend subscription to 1916 and send bill for $1.00



March 15, 1916

Mr. S. J. Wigley
Victoria
British Columbia

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 22 enclosing list of plant photos, came duly, and I should have replied earlier but for the fact that I have been waiting for the prints previously ordered which you said you would send in a few days, but which have not yet come to hand.

I am returning your list of plant photos herewith, and have checked on same in red pencil the species which I should like to purchase photographs of. I shall be obliged if you will send me these at your convenience. Of if you prefer, you might send a larger number on approval, so that I may return those not wanted and retain the others.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 15, 1916

My dear Professor Davis:

Your letter of the 14th inst. is received, notifying me that the President of the American Society of Naturalists has appointed me a delegate to represent the Society at the National Conservation Congress May 2-4 next. Owing to extreme pressure of work, and the fact that I shall be trying to get away to California as soon as possible after that date, I must ask if someone else cannot be named in my place.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Prof. Bradley M. Davis
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia
Penn.



March 14, 1916

Mr. Hope Brewer
Athalmer
British Columbia

Dear Sir:

The grizzly skull which you sent me in January proved to be a young animal — a three year old male. I am allowing you $10 for it, which amount will be sent you by the Smithsonian Institution about the end of the present month, and should reach you the first week in April.

For equally good skulls of old male grizzlies I should be glad to pay $20 to $25, and for adult females $10 to $15 each. Young skulls as a rule are worth from $4 to $8 each, according to age, sex, and condition. I will take all you can get during the coming spring at the above-mentioned prices.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 15, 1916

Mr. W. R. Kent
Campbell River
British Columbia

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 18 addressed to me care of the Biological Survey, came duly and I delayed answering, hoping each day that the skulls you sent would arrive, but up to the present date, they have not reached us. The same is true of several other batches of skulls shipped from various points in British Columbia. What the trouble is, and where they are held up, I have not been able to ascertain. I am writing by this mail to Wells Fargo Express agency at Vancouver, to see if they have any information on the subject, And it would be a good plan for you to inquire of the agent of the steamship company at Campbell River to whom you gave the package for shipment.

I shall be glad to purchase the skulls mentioned, including the wolverine with some teeth missing, and will also be glad to get such cougar, black bear, and grizzly skulls as you are able to secure during the coming spring. I do not care whether the specimens are taken on Vancouver Island or on the mainland, provided each is correctly





labeled as to the locality where killed. Some additional labels are enclosed herewith.

Trusting that the missing package will appear in the near future,

Very truly yours,

March 14, 1916

Mr. Joe La Salle
McBride
British Columbia
Canada

Dear Sir:

Do you happen to have in your possession, or know anyone who has, one or more skulls of grizzly bears? I am anxious to secure as many grizzly skulls as possible from various parts of British Columbia, and will be glad to pay good prices for the same, the price varying from $4 or $5 for young skulls, to $8 or $10 for good females, and $15 to $20 for adult males in good condition. I am willing to purchase imperfect or damaged skulls also, but could not of course pay as much for these as for perfect skulls.

In case you have any, or can obtain any during the coming spring, please ship the same by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Of if not convenient to send by express, you might send one skull at a time by parcel post, insured.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



March 15, 1916

Dear Mr. Clark:

Some time ago Mr. Edward H. Litchfield wrote me that he would send me the skull of a grizzly killed by him in Laramie Hills some years ago, and now in your study. He mentioned other grizzly heads also, which he might send you for remounting, in which case I was to be favored with the original skulls. I am most anxious to see these, and if no longer needed in connection with your work, I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send them.

Please be sure that each one is labeled in such manner that it may be unquestionably referred to the particular head from which it came.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. James L. Clark
1160 Southern Boulevard
Bronx
New York City

March 15, 1916

Dear Mr. Taverner:

The bear skull which you were kind enough to send, reached the Biological Survey a few days ago, and proves to be the skull of a female polar bear -- not a grizzly. I wonder if this is the one you originally intended to send? I will return it shortly.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. P. A. Taverner
Geological Survey
Ottawa
Canada



March 14, 1916

Mr. Louis Bell
Roosevelt
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Am glad to know that you received the check all right for the skulls already sent us. I shall be glad to purchase such additional skulls of Grizzly or Big Brown Bears as you are able secure during the coming spring at usual prices. Would also take the black bear skulls you mention at from $1 to $4 each, according to age, sex, and condition. Ship everything as before, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 15, 1916

Dear Doctor Hough:

Since writing you yesterday about the Indian head from the Upper Tapajos River, I have found the data which should have accompanied it. The skull was collected in 1875, on the Upper Tapajos, by Ernest T. Morris, and belonged to the tribe which he called Parabeatte or Parentintin. He states that the heads were preserved by smoking over an aromatic wood called carrococopowpow.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Walter Hough
Curator of Ethnology
U. S. National Museum
Washington
D. C.



March 15, 1916

Dear Mr. Litchfield:

Your letter of January 24 pleased me very much, and I am most anxious to have the privilege of examining the skulls of the grizzly bears killed by you in Laramie Hills many years ago. These skulls are expected to furnish valuable information, as at present we do not know which species of grizzly inhabited the Laramie Mountains.

What you tell me about the color of the males, namely that they were black, or even rusty black, is of much interest. I shall be very greatly obliged if you will kindly orthorize Mr. Clark to send me these skulls as soon as you have finished with them.

The fact that several different species of grizzly inhabited Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho, instead of only a single species, as we used to believe, makes it necessary to examine as many skulls as possible in order to determine the ranges of the animals.

Trusting that you will let me know when you are in Washington,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Edward H. Litchfield
44 Wall Street
New York City

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March 14, 1916

Mr. E. H. Edwards
Atnarko
British Columbia

Dear Sir:

The four bear skulls which you sent have just arrived in very good condition. Three of them are grizzlies; the fourth, although marked grizzly, is a male black bear. This is the picked-up skull which had been gnawed by mice or other rodents, and is not of much value.

For this batch of skulls I am allowing you the following prices: adult male grizzly, $25; female grizzly $10; young grizzly $5; black bear $2 -- in all $42.00. A check for this amount will be sent you from my fund in the Smithsonian Institution about the end of the month, and should reach you the first week in April.

I shall be glad to purchase during the remainder of the winter and coming spring all the grizzly skulls you can obtain, and will pay good prices for the same. All packages should be addressed as before: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

In your letter of January 5 addressed to the Biological Survey you mention the skull of a large male grizzly damaged by a rifle ball. Please send it along. I am always willing to purchase damaged skulls, but cannot of course pay as much for them as in the case of perfect skulls.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 15, 1916

Wells Fargo Express Co.
Vancouver, B. C.
Canada

Dear Sirs:

What do you know about a box from Campbell River containing skulls of cougar, black bear, and marten shipped to the Biological Survey, Washington, D. C. by W. R. Kent of Campbell River on or about January 18 last? The box in question was delivered by Mr. Kent to the Canadian Pacific Railway's steamship at Campbell River, to be shipped by express from Vancouver. It was accompanied by permit from th Provincial game warden.

Several other shipments of skulls from points in British Columbia and Alaska during the past two or three months have failed to reach us. But we are not certain in most cases as to the details of shipment. Charges on such packages are always paid at this end of the line.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 15, 1916

Mr. Fred G. Stanley
Stanley Mercantile Agency
Simpson Bldg.
Tonawanda, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Referring again to the matter of the grizzly bear skin from Colorado, belonging to Mrs. Irene Stanley Martin, would say that on receipt of your letter of January 20 I acted on your suggestion and wrote to L. G. Dennison of Telluride, who has furnished the desired information. This has enabled me to locate the skull in our collection.

As soon as this was done I wrote Mrs. Martin(on February 4 at 264 Oliver Street, No. Tonawanda, N. Y.), asking her to kindly put a price on the skin, so that if not too costly I might purchase it for the National collection. Having had no reply from her, I am taking the liberty to address you on the subject.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

March 16, 1916

Dear Doctor Shreve:

The reference you asked for, containing my correction of Zone Temperatures, was published in Science, page 116, Jan. 20, 1899. The substance of the note is that in the tables bearing the heading 'Sum of Normal Mean Daily Temperatures above 6° C.' the quantities actually given are the sums of normal mean daily temperatures "without deducting the 6° C. each day for the period during which the mean daily temperature exceeds 6° C."

On reconstructing the temperature charts by deducting the 6° C. each day, I found to my surprise that the resulting temperature zones did not conform with the life zones nearly so well as those originally plotted. In other words, it is better to start at 0° C. (32° Fahr.) instead of at 6° C. (43° Fahr.). The figures given in the tables are all right, but the heading should read: 'Sum of Normal Mean Daily Temperatures above 0° C.' (32° Fahr.)

I am not sure that you have all of my publications on geographic distribution. I am therefore sending you a few herewith.





Mrs. Merriam joins me in the hope that you will not return to Arizona without first bringing Mrs. Shreve over here for a little visit with us. As previously remarked, we shall be delighted to have you either for lunch or dinner, as best suits your convenience. And if the weather is favorable Mrs. Shreve might enjoy a little ride through Rock Creek Park.

With best wishes to you both,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Forrest Shreve
2753 Maryland Avenue
Baltimore
Maryland

March 18, 1916

Mr. Ernest P. Walker
Wrangell
Alaska

Dear Mr. Walker:

Many thanks for your letter of the 4th inst just received. I am writing by this mail to the men whose addresses you kindly gave me (Joe Brown of Kasaan and George Grant of Ketchikan) in the hope that they will write me about the bear attacks.

During your forthcoming trip to various points in southeastern Alaska I hope you will keep an eye out for bear skulls which might be purchased, and for information concerning bear attacks on men.

Shall be glad to receive later on the bear skulls you mentioned.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



March 18, 1916

Mr. George Grant
Ketchikan
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Recently I have been informed that you were once attacked by a big bear. I am very much interested in this matter, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly write me giving the facts in the case. I should like to know the place where it happened, the date (approximate if not exact), whether the bear was wounded or not, and whether it was a she bear with cubs. Did the bear strike you with its paws, or did it seize and bite you with its jaws? And how badly did it injure you? Any facts you may give me will be thankfully received -- the more details the better.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Alaska

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



March 18, 1916

Mr. Andrew Grosvold
Sand Point
Alaska

Dear Sir:

In connection with a book which I am writing on the Big Bears of America, I am anxious to obtain authentic accounts of bears attacking men, particularly of unprovoked attacks when the bear was not first wounded. If you know of any cases of this kind, I shall appreciate the favor if you will kindly write me giving as full information as possible as to the locality, date, name of person attacked, and circumstances, with as much detail as you may know.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 20, 1916

Dear Sheldon:

Your welcome letter from Wellton arrived this morning, and gave us all much joy, for we really had felt anxious about you. It is a double satisfaction to know that you are safely back and that you secured the object of your search. It certainly is of more than ordinary interest that you discovered what promises to be a new Desert Range sheep, and that the animal is the smallest of the known forms.

I look forward to an opportunity to examine the specimen, and if it turns out to be new, as expected, I shall be only too glad to describe it at once -- assuming Nelson's consent.

With love to Mrs. Sheldon, and with warmest congratulations,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles Sheldon
8 West 9th Street
New York City

March 20, 1916

Mr. A. M. Robertson
Union Square
San Francisco
Calif.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Will you kindly send me a copy of Zoeth Eldredge's 'Beginnings of San Francisco from the Expedition of Anza, 1774 to the City Charter, 1850.' S. F. 1912. Please send bill with postage to me at above address.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



March 21, 1916

Mr. Charles D. Holliger
c/o Dept. of Zoology
University of California

Dear Sir:

A copy of your paper on 'Anatomical Adaptations in the Thoracic Limb of the California Pocket Gopher and Other Rodents' has just reached me, and I have looked over it with great interest. You have made such an important contribution to our knowledge of the muscular adaptations of a highly specialized rodent that I wish to offer my congratulations. It is a pity that more work is not done in this field, which offers such limitless opportunities.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 21, 1916

Dear Mr. Barringer:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your letter of February 29, and in thanking you for the enclosures relative to Meteor Crater and the giant turkey, all of which are of interest. The copy of your lecture on the crater, which you were kind enough to enclose, is herewith returned in accordance with your request. You certainly seem to have made out a strong case.

You ask whether I think the members of the Boone and Crockett Club would be interested in a talk on the Crater. In my judgment the subject, while one of great interest, is so far outside of the field occupied by the Club that it would not be appropriate.

The killing of that big gobbler in western Maryland was something to be proud of, particularly since, as you say, it appears to be a descendent from birds brought from Arizona or New Mexico. You did a fine thing in securing the specimen for the Museum of the Academy of Sciences.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. D. M. Barringer
Ballitt Bldg
Philadelphia
Penn.

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March 23, 1916

Dear Grinnell:

No, I don't happen to know anything about the Doctor Pope you mention. I am however familiar with the Nosse or Yahna tribe, to the southern division of which Ishi belonged. Ishi, you will probably remember, was kept by Kroeber for several years, and was the show actor of weekly exhibits at Kroeber's museum in the Affiliated Colleges facing Golden Gate Park.

Strong bows were used by the Yahna and some other tribes in California. If you are interested in these I might dig up some references.

Yes, Sheldon made a great hit in getting his little ram at El Rosario. The skull has gone to the cleaner, and I am hoping to see it in a few days.

As ever yours,

Mr. George Bird Grinnell
238 East 15th Street
New York City

March 24, 1916

My dear Mr. Clark:

The skull from Mr. Litchfield's grizzly, killed in the Laramie Hills, Wyoming, about 1883, has arrived, for which I am very much obliged. While the base and back part of the skull are gone, enough remains to show that the species was the very large one -- not the ordinary grizzly of the Rocky Mountains.

In the same box was another bear skull which has no label. Where did it come from? It is not a grizzly at all, but belongs to the black bear group and resembles a skull I received a few years ago from western Montana. Any information you can give me about this skull will be thankfully received as it is quite out of the ordinary. I shall be mighty glad if you succeed in obtaining the skulls you mention from the Cassiar district.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

Mr. James L. Clark
1160-62 Southern Boulevard
Bronx
New York City



March 24, 1916

Dear Sheldon:

Glad to know that you found all the members of your family well on your arrival.

I have looked at Lumholtz's map of which you spoke, and have located El Rosario.

Many thanks for the measurements of the ram. I have just made a preliminary examination of the skulls of both ram and ewe, and am prepared to agree with you that the animal is the smallest known in North America. It is even smaller than nelsoni, and therefore very much smaller than the members of the larger group. From this hasty examination I have no doubt that it will prove distinct, and shall be very glad to describe it as soon as it comes back from the cleaner.

As ever yours,

C. H. Merriam

Mr. Charles Sheldon
8 West 9th Street
New York City

March 24, 1916

Dear Mr. Litchfield:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 17th inst., and for your kindness in authorizing Clark to send me the skull from your mounted grizzly head. It has arrived, and is of much interest. Although the back part has been cut away, a little more than the front half, including the teeth, remains, showing the bear to have been one of the very large grizzlies.

You said that this head was first stuffed in 1883. Was it killed in that year or earlier? The locality, Laramie Hills, you gave me before.

I am hoping that Clark's remounting of this head will prove so satisfactory that you will have him take hold of your other grizzly heads also, and that later I may have a chance at the skulls.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Edward H. Litchfield
44 Wall Street
New York City



Reply to File A March 27, 1916

March 28, 1916

U.S.Civil Service Commission
Washington
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your inquiry of the 27th inst. concerning Hartley H. T. Jackson, an applicant for the position of Assistant Biologist, Biological Survey, would state: I have known Jackson for several years — since he first came to Washington, the date of which I do not remember. When not in the field he has worked on the Biological Survey collection in the National Museum, where his desk is in the room adjoining my own. I have therefore seen a good deal of him.

He is a competent, well-trained naturalist, especially well qualified for work on mammals and birds. He is very deliberate and might be called slow, but is thorough. His scientific work is good.

You ask as to unfitness: His slowness and slackness -- his lump of order not being very highly developed -- are his only faults that have come under my observation. I regard him as fit for the position.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

March 28, 1916

Dear VB:

It was good to see your handwriting again when the mail arrived this morning. I am glad to know your snowshoe work is over, and that the remainder will be done on horseback.

Thanks for information about bears. I have just written Sales again, and shall hope to secure the specimen. Am praying that you will learn of the existence of other grizzly skulls which may be purchased, or that you will connect with someone who will collect additional specimens in the spring.

If all the elk herds in the park peter out at the rate you mention -- 1000 instead of 10,000 previously reported -- your census is likely to prove a surprise. And the question will naturally arise as to whether or not you have succeeded in connecting with all the scattered bands.

Florence was unable to use half of the big sack of ground fertilizer you recommended, and so gave me your ash can full. I scattered it in the rain last evening, after which a thunderstorm and deluge washed a good deal of it into the street. Still, a good deal seems to be left, and





I trust it and the grass seed sown at the same time will make a difference in the looks of the lawn. We have already had two or three thunderstorms, and today is mildly rainy, but the real cold weather is probably over.

We are all anxious to see you back.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Vernon Bailey
Gardiner
Montana

I want Black as well as Grizzly Bears from the Park region and the Livingston region. Will pay 2 to 5 each for adult Blacks + 1 each for ~~[illegible]~~ Cubs (Kubs). Please do as circular ~~[illegible]~~ and shall ~~[illegible]~~ Examine and store ~~[illegible]~~ all the data you can on the time of ~~[illegible]~~ undermining of Grizzly + Blacks in early spring.

March 28, 1916

Dear VB:

It was good to see your handwriting again when the mail arrived this morning. I am glad to know your snowshoe work is over, and that the remainder will be done on horseback.

Thanks for information about bears. I have just written Sales again, and shall hope to secure the specimen. Am praying that you will learn of the existence of other grizzly skulls which may be purchased, or that you will connect with someone who will collect additional specimens in the spring.

If all the elk herds in the park peter out at the rate you mention -- 1000 instead of 10,000 previously reported -- your census is likely to prove a surprise. And the question will naturally arise as to whether or not you have succeeded in connecting with all the scattered bands.

Florence was unable to use half of the big sack of ground fertilizer you recommended, and so gave me your ash can full. I scattered it in the rain last evening, after which a thunderstorm and deluge washed a good deal of it into the street. Still, a good deal seems to be left, and





I trust it and the grass seed sown at the same time will make a difference in the looks of the lawn. We have already had two or three thunderstorms, and today is mildly rainy, but the real cold weather is probably over.

We are all anxious to see you back.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Vernon Bailey
Gardiner
Montana

I want Black as well as Grizzly Bears from the Park region and the Kingston region. Will pay 2 to 5 each for adult Blacks & $1 each for [redacted] cubs (Kubs). Have also a curious pelt left hind shank [illegible] at times. Get all the data you can on the time of [redacted] of Grizzly & Blacks in early spring.

Retake of Preceding Frame

March 28. 1916

Utility Products Co
814 Times Bldg
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending one of your new model valves of the Hart-Bell Carbon Remover to take the place of the old one. I have just placed it on the car, and am expecting it to give much satisfaction.

Very truly yours.

E. Hart Merriam



March 28, 1916

Mr. Robert Somerville
Gardiner
Montana

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. came duly.

I regret very much the delay in paying you for the grizzly skull you sent in last August. When I returned from California it could not be found, although there was a record that it had been received. The trouble seems to have been that we were looking for the skull of an old male grizzly, and no such skull had been received. But we find the skull of a four-year-old grizzly labeled 'Slough Creek, April 20, 1915 Milton Ames'. I assume that this must be the skull you sent, and have credited you $10 for it. A check for this amount will be sent you the first of the month.

Out of more than 100 bear skulls that have come in during the fall and winter this is the only one which was mislaid in the Museum.

In case you are able to secure any more skulls of grizzlies during the coming spring and summer I shall be very glad to purchase them, and if you can get good skulls of old male grizzlies will be glad to pay $20 or even $25, if reasonably perfect.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

March 28, 1916

Mr. D. N. McIntyre
Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries
Provincial Fisheries Dept
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending copies of the Reports of the Commissioner of Fisheries for 1912, 1913 and 1914. They reached me this morning in excellent condition, and contain much matter of interest in connection with my work.

Thanking you for the same,

Very truly yours.

C. Hart Merriam



March 28, 1916

My dear Miss Dickerson:

Thanks for your letter of yesterday just received, with page-proof of my review of Roosevelt and Heller's 'Life Histories of African Game Animals'. The proof is excellent and so far as I observe requires no correction except for one or two slight typographical errors, which have been marked. But I must admit frankly that I do not approve the illustrations selected. With such a wealth of attractive illustrations to choose from, showing the animals and the country in which they live, it seems to me a pity, and somewhat undignified, for a scientific Journal to substitute cartoons. And I should never have advertised Buffalo Jones by reproducing any of his pictures.

In case it is too late to change the illustrations, I hope you will be good enough to put a note at the end stating that the illustrations were selected by the Editor.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Mary C. Dickerson
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

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March 28, 1916

Mr. A. H. Sales
639 West Main Street
Bozeman, Mont.

Dear Sir:

Vernon Bailey of the Biological Survey tells me that you have the skin and skull of a female grizzly. He says the hair is considerably worn on the back and rump -- otherwise the specimen appears to be in good condition. If you have the skull of this specimen, and wish to sell the skin and skull for $35, I shall be glad to purchase it at that price.

If you are willing to sell it, please ship by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. A label and shipping tag are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 28, 1916

Mr. J. P. Evans,
Livingston,
Montana

Dear Sir:

The bear skull which you sent me at Vernon Bailey's request came duly, and I am glad to give you the $5 you ask for it. A check for this amount will be sent you from my fund in the Smithsonian Institution the first of April.

It was unfortunate that you did not attach a label to this skull, as a consequence of which it got mixed with some other bear skulls received the same day. I am enclosing herewith a few tags, and shall be glad to purchase at the same price any other skulls of this bear which you may be able to obtain. It belongs to the black bear group, but is not the common black bear. I should be glad to know whether its color was black or cinnamon. It is widely different from the grizzlies.

For skulls of grizzlies, labeled for locality where killed, I should be glad to pay $2 to $5 each for young; $5 to $10 for three and four year olds; $10 to $12 for adult females; and $15 to $25 for fine old males. These prices are for perfect specimens. Injured and imperfect skulls are worth less, but I am glad to pay a fair price for them just the same.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



March 28, 1916

Mr. E. J. Hamacher
White Horse
Yukon Terr.

Dear Sir:

The two bear skulls you sent us arrived duly. Both are black bears -- not grizzlies. One is an old male, the other an old female. I will allow you $4 each for these skulls and a check for the amount ($8.00) will be sent you from my fund in the Smithsonian Institution in three or four days.

I shall be glad to purchase all the bear skulls you can obtain during the coming spring and summer, but am particularly anxious to get skulls of grizzlies. For grizzly skulls I will pay $2 each for cubs, $4 for young, $10 for adult females, and $15 to $20 for adult males, assuming that they reach us in good condition. Injured skulls of course are worth less, but I will pay a good price even for badly damaged grizzly skulls.

Some tags for labeling skulls are enclosed herewith, and also a shipping tag. Specimens should be shipped as before, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

March 28, 1916

Mr. C. L. Steinhauser
Unalakleet
Alaska

Dear Sir:

The bear skull you were good enough to send us has arrived in good condition, for which I am obliged. I am allowing you $20 for it, and a government check for this amount will be sent you in three or four days.

I shall be glad to purchase at good prices all the skulls of bears you may be able to obtain during the coming spring.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



March 28, 1916

Mr. W. H. Spaulding
Hawk Inlet
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your second shipment as per your letter dated February 26, consisting of two big bear skulls from Chichagof Island, arrived before the shipment of December 10, which latter came only a few days ago. We are having unprecedented delays this year in receiving packages of skulls from British Columbia and Alaska. We have not been able to find out where they are held up.

For the skulls received I am crediting you as follows:

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| 1 Male adult Brown Bear from Hawk Inlet | $20.00 |
| 1 Male young " " " " " | 10.00 |
| 1 Male old " " " Chichagof Id. | 20.00 |
| 1 Female (wrongly marked 'male') " " | 10.00 |
| 4 Deer skulls @ $2.00 | 8.00 |
| 1 Female Sea Lion | 1.50 |
| 1 Beaver | .75 |
| | $70.25 |

A check for the amount ($70.25) will be sent you from my fund in the Smithsonian Institution in a few days.

In case you succeed in obtaining additional skulls of bears, I shall be glad to purchase them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 28, 1916

Mr. James L. Clark
1160-62 Southern Boulevard
Bronx, New York City

Dear Mr. Clark:

Thanks for your letter of yesterday about the mysteriously-arrived bear skull. You are right and I am wrong. On taking the matter up this afternoon with an assistant in the Biological Survey, and searching the book in which the receipt of packages is recorded, we found an entry of a bear skull from Livingston, Montana, received the same day that your skull came. The Montana skull had no label or tag of any kind. It was carried to the Museum with your skull, and the two placed on my table with the statement that they had both been received from you. Such blunders are exasperating, but they will occur now and then.

I regret to have troubled you about the matter, especially since it has turned out to be the result of an error in our own office.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 29, 1916

Mr. J. P. V. Evans
Livingston
Montana

Dear Sir:

In writing you yesterday I forgot to ask you to give me the exact locality as nearly as practicable where the bear skull you sent was found. Do you know who killed the bear? Or was the skull found in the woods?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



March 29, 1916

Sprigg Shackleford Esq
Gunnison
Colorado

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 16th inst. addressed to the Superintendent of Documents and referred to me for reply, would state that my work on the Big Bears of America has not yet gone to press, and will not be out for some time. The main work will not be a government publication but will be illustrated with colored plates, reproductions of photographs, and plates of skulls and teeth.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam -

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March 29, 1916

Mr. H. H. Pittman
Box 28
Wauchope
Saskatchewan
Canada

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing additional photographs of mammals. They certainly are most excellent, and I am glad to retain the entire lot (15 in all, including those from the previous sending). I am willing to pay the price you name, $2.00 each, inasmuch as this includes right of publication, although not exclusive copyright.

I shall be glad to see the photographs you take at your new ranch on the Souris River. I assume that all of the photographs you have sent me are from the neighborhood of Wauchope. If this is not correct, kindly let me know, as I wish to label them for locality. The photo of the cheek pouch of a Richardson ground squirrel is returned herewith, as I have several similar photos.

I hope your prints will be more permanent than many in my collection. It is an unfortunate fact that a large percentage of the prints fade out or become blotched with yellow in the course of time. A very thorough washing seems to lessen but not wholly obviate the danger. Solio

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prints seem to stand the inroads of time better than Velox, although this is not always the case. The only absolutely permanent prints known to me are those made on platinum paper, the cost of which is too great for ordinary work, especially in the case of large photos.

A check for $30, due you for these 15 prints, will be sent you in a few days from my fund in the Smithsonian Institution.

Wishing you every success,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

March 30, 1916

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am transmitting my March account amounting to $22.50, and the bills and vouchers enumerated below, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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|---|---|
| Hope Brewer — Bear skull | $10.00 |
| Gadmus Book Shop — Books | 10.10 |
| E. H. Edwards — Bear skulls | 42.00 |
| J.P.V.Evans — Bear skull | 5.00 |
| E.J.Hamacher — Bear skulls | 8.00 |
| Hudson Book Co. — Book | 6.28 |
| Fred S. Lincoln — Book-cases | 54.00 |
| Zenaida Merriam — Services | 31.50 |
| H. Morrison Paper Co.—Envelopes | 10.00 |
| H. H. Pittman — Photographs | 30.00 |
| Remington Typewriter Co. Machine | 60.00 |
| Robert Somerville — Bear skull | 10.00 |
| W. H. Spaulding — Bear skulls | 70.25 |
| C. L. Steinhauser — Bear Skull | 20.00 |
| Underwood Typewriter Co. Machine | 67.50 |
| Washington Loose Leaf Co. Maps mounted and punched | 4.00 |
| Washington Loose Leaf Co.-Ledger for maps | 15.00 |
| Woodward & Lothrop — Books | 9.00 |
| Office rent for April and phone | 68.05 |



C. Hart Merriam

The Northumberland, Washington

MARCH ACCOUNT

| 1916 | | Voucher | Sub | |
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| March 2 | Globe Wernicke Co.—40 A-Z Guides for letter-file | 1 | 2 | 40 |
| " 7 | Scott & O'Shaughnessy—Books on Calif. & West | 2 | 4 | 50 |
| " 13 | Adams Express Co.—Expressage on books from N.Y. | 3 | | 30 |
| " 15 | University of Calif.—Mammal Publications | 4 | 2 | 25 |
| " 29 | Byron S. Adams—Printing 500 letter-heads | 5 | 1 | 50 |
| " 30 | Yawman & Erbe— 25 Guides for mammal files | 6 | 1 | 50 |
| | Potomac Electric Power Co.—Electric current | 7 | 1 | 00 |
| | Carfare for work at Library of Congress | | 1 | 00 |
| | Services of charwoman for cleaning office apartment, Northumberland | 8 | 3 | 50 |
| | Services of janitor | | 1 | 00 |
| | Stamps and stamped envelopes | | 3 | 55 |
| | | | $22 | 50 |

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22.50

C. Hart Merriam

Hope Brower

Athalmer, British Columbia, Canada

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| 1916 | | |
| Mar. 15 | Skull young male grizzly from British Columbia | 10 00 |

$10 00

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Mr. E. H. Edwards

Atnarko, British Columbia, Canada

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| 1916 | | |
| Mar. 14 | Bear Skulls from Atnarko, B. C. | |
| | 1 Skull ♂ adult grizzly | 25 00 |
| | 1 Skull ♀ grizzly | 10 00 |
| | 1 Skull young grizzly | 5 00 |
| | 1 Skull black bear | 2 00 |

$42 00

forty-two no

42.00

J. P. V. Evans

Livingston, Montana

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| 1916 | | |
| Mar. 28 | Skull of bear from Montana | 5 00 |

$5 00

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E. J. Hamacher

White Horse, Yukon Territory, Canada

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| 1916 | | |
| Mar. 18 | 2 Skulls of black bears from Yukon Terr. @ $4.00 | 8 00 |

$800

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8.00

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Hudson Book Co.

25 West 42nd Street, New York City

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| 1916 | | | |
| Mar.27 | Shuck's California Scrapbook | | 6 00 |
| | | Expressage | 28 |

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Zenaida Merriam

The Northumberland, Washington, D. C.

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| 1916 | | |
| Mar. 30 | Services as assistant 14 days @ $2.25 per day | 3150 |

$3150

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H. H. Pittman

Box 28, Hanchope, Saskatchewan, Canada

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| 1916 | | | |
| Mar. 30 | 15 Photographs of mammals @ $2.00 each | | 3000 |

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Robert Somerville

Gardiner, Montana

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| 1916 | | | |
| Mar. 27 | Skull of ♂ grizzly bear from Montana | | 1000 |

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W. H. Spaulding

Hawk Inlet, Alaska

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| 1916 | | | |
| arch 20 | Skull adult ♂ Brown Bear from Hawk Inlet, Alaska | | 20 00 |
| | " young ♂ " " " " " " " | | 10 00 |
| | " old ♀ " " " Chichagof Id. " | | 20 00 |
| | " Sea Lion | | 10 00 |
| | " Beaver | | 1 50 |
| | 4Skulls Deer @ $2.00 | | 75 |
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C. L. Steinhauser

Unalakleet, Alaska

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| 1916 | | |
| 15 | Skull of grizzly from Unalakleet | 20 00 |

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Woodward & Lothrop

Washington, D. C.

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| 1916 | | |
| Mar. 3 | Velasquez: Spanish Dictionary | 7 00 |
| " 15 | Roosevelt: Booklovers' Holidays in the Open | 2 00 |
| | | $9 00 |

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9.00

March 31, 1916

Dear Sheldon:

Yours of yesterday at hand. So far as my personal feelings go I should be glad to review Grinnell's '**Fighting Cheyennes**', as it is a monumental contribution to the history of the Plains region, and corrects a multitude of errors and false impressions. But I cannot write a review in a day or a week, and if the work is important it is usually several months before I am willing to turn my review in to the printer. It is nearly a year and a half since Roosevelt asked me to review his 'Life Histories of African Game Animals'. I started it at once and have been digging at it at intervals ever since, but did not finish it until a few weeks ago. It is to appear in the next number of the 'American Museum Journal'.

Last summer I wrote by request a review of Dall's Biography of Baird for the 'Bulletin of the American Geographical Society. These two are marked exceptions or I would have declined to touch them. Grinnell's also is a marked exception but I fear to tackle it as I know it would take a lot of time which I ought not now to spare





from the bears.

Grinnell is the only man in the world who could have got at the bottom facts on which to base such a book. His infinite patience, his honesty, and his sympathetic manner which leads Indians to confide in him, are attributes without which no one could secure from the Indians the necessary information. The book, as anyone can see, is not the work of a year or two, but the outgrowth of researches extended over the greater part of a lifetime.

I see no reason why you should not write the review yourself. I am sure you would do it well. And if I can help you I will be glad to do so.

As ever yours,

a. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles Sheldon
8 West 9th Street
New York City

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March 31, 1916

Dr. T. A. Jaggar, Jr.
Volcano House P. O.
Terr. Hawaii

Dear Doctor Jaggar:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me copies of your papers on the Technology Expedition to the Aleutian Islands in 1907, and 'The Evolution of Bogoslof Volcano'. I am mighty glad to add these to my files as they abound in information of value.

Wishing you success,

Very truly yours,

April 3, 1916

Dr. I. F. Burgin
Delta
Colorado

Dear Sir:

Doctor Walcott, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, informs me that you are about to set out on a hunt in northwestern Alaska, and would like to secure a market for natural history specimens. I am interested in bears, particularly the grizzly and big brown bears of Alaska, and am glad to purchase at good prices all the skulls offered, provided the same are labeled for locality where killed. If known, the sex and date of killing are also desired. Some tags are enclosed herewith.

In case you send me the skulls, the packages should be shipped by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

You mention Kadiak Island and the Kenai Peninsula as localities where you are likely to secure specimens. I shall be glad to purchase the skulls you kill in both of these places, and also from other parts of Alaska, whether on the coast or in the interior. The same is true of British Columbia, from all parts of which grizzly bears are much needed. We are anxious also to secure specimens





of big bears from the mainland of Prince William Sound, and from Hinchinbrook Island and St. Elias and Fairweather ranges.

It is not necessary to clean the skulls completely. It is enough if the rough flesh is cut off and the tongue and brain removed, care being taken not to injure the bones at the base of the skull. For black bear I pay from $1 to$4 each, according to age, sex, and condition; for grizzly and big brown bears from $4 to $25 on the same basis. Old males are particularly wanted and are worth much more than females or young.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 2, 1916

Hon. Charles D. Walcott
Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Walcott:

Thanks for yours of the 1st inst. transmitting a letter from Dr. I. F. Burgin of Delta, Colorado, offering to collect specimens of animals in Alaska. I have just written him offering to purchase at good prices all the skulls of bears he can obtain with authentic data as to locality where killed. His letter I am returning herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 4, 1916

Dear Mr. Shiras:

Your letter transmitting a carbon of a letter from W. E. Clyde Todd addressed to the Committee on Research of the National Geographic Society came some little time ago. But up to the present time no new meeting of the Research Committee has been called by Mr. Grosvenor.

Todd called to see me a month or more ago in reference to his proposed trip northward through the interior of the Labrador Peninsula. I advised him to talk the matter over with Mr. Grosvenor, which I believe he did, but he has not informed me as to the result. I told him that my personal feeling was that he ought to turn in his report on work on the east side of Hudson Bay before asking for an appropriation for work elsewhere, the Labrador trip not being in my judgment at all closely connected with the Hudson Bay work. I advised him to finish his Hudson Bay report and turn the same in to the Geographic Society as soon as possible, in order that the Society might have something to show for the money previously given him. Assuming that this would be done, I thought there would be little difficulty in securing an appropriation for the Labrador work, particularly if he obtained your personal influence





in the matter.

To my surprise Todd does not seem inclined to continue his Hudson Bay work by pushing it farther northward along the east shore, but instead has planned an entirely new trip through the interior of Labrador.

I am glad to know that you have about finished your article on the Admiralty Island bears, and shall be mighty glad to see the same. Shall also be glad to see you on your return from the South.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. George Shiras 3d
Hotel Ormond
Ormond Beach
Florida

April 4, 1916

Mr. E. J. Millard
Agent, Dominion Express Co.
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of March 22, and for your courtesy in forwarding the bear skull skipped by O. T. Laudry of Bella Coola. The same has arrived in good condition.

But the package I wrote you about has not yet come. I refer to the one containing skulls of mammals shipped from Campbell River by W. R. Kent on or about January 18. Nothing has been heard of this shipment. If you have any means of tracing it I shall be greatly obliged.

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam -



April 4, 1916

Secretary
Tamalpais Conservation Club
1700 Claus Spreckles Bldg
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 27th inst., and for the numbers of 'Out-of-Doors' which have just come to hand. I notice an article by myself in the April number and shall be very much obliged if you will kindly send me half a dozen extra copies of this number.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

April 4, 1916

Mr. Neil M. Judd
Treasurer, Amer. Anthropological Assoc.
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. is at hand, and in compliance with your request for duplicates of the 'American Anthropologist' I am sending No. 3 of Vol. 16 to the New Era Printing Co., Lancaster, Pa. This is the only duplicate in my file.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 6, 1916

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

My work here drags along in such a way that I shall not be able to get away for some time to come -- I cannot say just when. I shall be very much obliged therefore if you will put enough water on the ferns to keep them green until we arrive.

I suppose you finished clearing and burning the brush on the back part of the place.

We have had a moderate winter without much snow, and spring is just about to begin. We have had two or three thunderstorms and the grass is beginning to show green in places. In a couple of weeks the early leaves will be out.

With kind regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam.

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli
Lagunitas
Calif.

April 7, 1916

Mr. Edmund J. Sawyer
Watertown
New York

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 5th inst. would state that I resigned from the Biological Survey five years ago. I am forwarding your letter therefore to the present Chief, H. W. Henshaw, along with the postal order you enclosed for twenty cents.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 7, 1916

Mr. J. P. V. Evans
Livingston
Montana

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of March 30 just received. I am very glad to have the locality where you found that bear skull.

I am not interested in the human skull you mention, and think the Biological Survey has already obtained a number of skulls of wolves, wild cats, and lynx from the Park region. However I will inquire as to this.

Should you obtain any skulls of grizzly bears during the coming season, I would be glad to purchase the same at good prices.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 8, 1916

Dear Schultz:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. from Greer reached me this afternoon, and I am mighty glad to hear from you once more. A copy of the petition which you sent me several months ago never showed up at this end of the line, which I greatly regret as I am deeply interested in the placing of Indian names in the West. I am therefore in entire sympathy with the effort of the Blackfeet Indians to replace so far as practicable a considerable number of names on the map of Glacier National Park.

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Government Geographic Board, cases of this sort come before me in the regular routine of map business. This matter however has not yet been brought to our attention. If you could send me a copy of the map of the Park with the proposed Indian names distinctly marked on it, I should be very glad to take the matter up. In all cases where the Indians already have a definite name for a mountain, lake, river, or other topographic feature, it would be <u>much better</u> to use such name, instead of reneming the feature for some former chief.





The name Rosenwald to be applied to a certain point has not yet come before our committee, and would not be likely to stand.

I am assuming that you have a copy of the map you sent to the Secretary of the Interior, showing the new names. I wish you had sent this to me in the beginning, so that the matter would have been taken up early.

No, I have not received any grizzly skulls, or any word about skulls from any one in the Glacier Park region. I wrote last summer to the persons whose addresses you gave, but received no replies.

Thanks for the information about the big grizzly recently killed in Utah. In accordance with your suggestion I am writing the <u>Deseret Semi-Weekly Herald</u> by this mail, and hope to get on the track of the skull.

We are looking forward to the appearance of your new book, which I ordered from Houghton Mifflin on its announcement several weeks ago.

Yes, we are going to Lagunitas again for the summer, but owing to pressure of work here, I cannot yet tell when we shall leave. Shall be glad to see you and Mrs. Schultz there.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Mr. Jas. Willard Schultz
Greer
Apache County
Arizona

April 8, 1916

Editor
Deseret Semi-Weekly Herald
Salt Lake City
Utah

Dear Sir;

I have just been informed that your paper contains a notice of the killing of a large grizzly somewhere in Utah on March 17 last. If this is correct could you kindly send me a copy of the paper, or could you give me the address of the man who killed the bear or who now owns the specimen?

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam



April 8, 1916

Mr. E. M. Axelson
Yakutat
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. came duly, and the skin and skull of the glacier bear to which you refer have just arrived. The specimen proves to be an interesting one, and I am willing to pay you $50 for it, which amount will be sent you direct from the Smithsonian Institution about the end of the present month.

Don't forget that I am anxious to secure as many skulls as possible of grizzly and big brown bears during the coming season, to be shipped as before, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 8, 1916

A. G. Batchelder, Esq.
Chairman A.A.A. Executive Board
American Automobile Association
Riggs Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst. is at hand, asking at the suggestion of President John A. Wilson of the A. A. A., if I will serve as a member of the local advisory committee. My interest in motoring, good roads, and the proper punishment of road hogs and reckless drivers generally, leads me to accept, provided the demands on my time are not to be severe.

Very truly yours,

April 10, 1916

Mr. Albert A. Bieber
226 Clinton Avenue
West Hoboken
New Jersey

Dear Sir:

From your catalogue just received I should be glad to purchase #120 Dodge: 'Our Wild Indians' $3.00, and #134 Phoebe Spalding: 'Tahquitch Maiden' $1.00

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 10, 1916

Dear Mr. Grinnell:

Yours of the 8th inst. this morning. Twelve years ago I spoke to them as by Dr. Grosvenor two or three years ago. It was a preliminary trip, whilst before the latter expeditions, I was not intended to cover the whole ground or to undertake the scientific results.

I regret that you will not be at the next Board meeting. I shall try to be on hand and see what I can do.

By the way, will the Board ever do to [illegible] the top of publication that you should place a 'Prof.' in front of his name?

Yours truly,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. George Bird Grinnell
[illegible]

April 10, 1916

Dear Mr. Shiras:

Yours of the 8th came this morning. Todd's paper of which you speak was shown me by Mr. Grosvenor two or three years ago. It was a preliminary paper written before the latter expeditions, and was not intended to cover the whole ground or to summarize the scientific results.

I regret that you will not be at the next Board meeting. I shall try to be on hand and see what I can do.

By the way, what did Todd ever do to you in the way of provocation that you should stick a 'Prof.' in front of his name?

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. George Shiras, 3d
Ormond Beach
Florida

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April 10, 1916

Dear Mr. Sampson:

Thanks for your letter of the 6th inst. just received. It is very kind of you to think of sending me your book, which of course I shall be glad to have.

But your question about the "big government publication on the Indians of the Southwest" is a mystery to me, as I never heard of any such publication. The most important works on the ethnology and archaeology of the Southwest are by Bandelier, but these are not published by the Government. There are also numerous papers by a variety of authors on the Zuni, Acoma, Taos, Ho-pe, and other Pueblo Indians, and some on other tribes, but these are widely scattered. If you can get hold of the title of the publication you have in mind, I will find out about it and let you know.

Glad that you will probably be present at the Boone and Crockett dinner.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Alden Sampson
Hotel Bon Air
Augusta
Georgia

April 12, 1916

My dear Professor Bingham:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th inst. just received. Heller had already suggested the matter of donating the Peruvian mammal collection to the Biological Survey, and had shown me a copy of Dr. Walcott's letter to you on the subject. Acting on this letter, I immediately brought the matter to the attention of the Biological Survey, and the Chief Mr. Henshaw, and Assistant Chief Mr. Nelson, agreed that if the collection could be accepted without prejudice -- without the appearance of taking sides in a quarrel -- they would accept it most gladly, place it at Heller's disposal, and turn it over to the Museum as soon as Heller had finished his work on it, which was assumed would be in about six weeks.

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In view of this unexpected attitude on the part of the Museum, the Biological Survey declines with genuine regret to accept the collection. The present status of the case is most unfortunate, and I am unable to suggest a remedy.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Professor Hiram Bingham
Yale Station
New Haven
Conn.

April 14, 1916

Mr. O. H. Lipps
Superintendent, Carlisle School
Carlisle
Penn.

Dear Sir:

Acting on your letter just received, announcing expiration of my subscription to the 'Red Man', I am enclosing check for same herewith, and shall be obliged if you will kindly send receipt. If a bill had been sent me I would have sent check before.

Can you tell me, without too much trouble, whether there are at present in Carlisle any Indians from California and Nevada, and if so can you tell me the localities from which they came?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



April 14, 1916

Forest and Stream Publishing Co.
22 Thames Street
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Acting on the enclosed bill, which I assume was intended for me, although the name is entirely wrong, I am enclosing check of $2.00 for two copies of 'Forest and Stream' for the ensuing year. Kindly send receipt for same.

In this connection I wish to call your attention to the fact that only a single copy was sent me of the March and April numbers. Previous to March I received two copies uniformly as per subscription.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

April 14, 1916

Dear Mr. Sampson:

You surely were most kind to send me your attractive book on Milton. I had no idea that you had given so much attention and thought to this great man. I shall keep it handy, where I can dip into it at odd moments.

Unfortunately I cannot answer your questions about works on the Indians of the Southwest, for the reason that the territory you have in mind (New Mexico and Arizona) is outside of the region (California and Nevada) concerning which I have made personal ethnological studies.

The Reports of the Bureau of Ethnology contain a large amount of matter, with numerous illustrations, on the Pueblo Indians. Perhaps the easiest way will be for you, when you come on here to the Boone and Crockett dinner, to visit my office and run over the set of publications in question. This will enable you to find out quickly the ones of interest to you.

With best wishes and many thanks,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Mr. Alden Sampson
Hotel Bon Air
Augusta
Georgia



April 14, 1916

Dear Doctor Adams:

Yours of the 10th inst. came this morning, and I am glad you jogged my memory on the matter of the Adirondack Bird List. On looking the matter up I find that I have plenty of the addendas, but only one copy of the List itself, and that one had been returned from the person to whom I gave it when it first came out. I am forwarding same to you herewith, and am adding my three papers on 'Birds of Lewis County,' northern New York, for the reason that Lewis County lies along the western edge of the Adirondacks.

I am not surprised that you find the zoology of the State full of interest.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Dr. Charles C. Adams
New York State College of Forestry
Syracuse University
New York

April 15, 1916

Dear Miss Eastwood:

A long time ago you were so kind as to send us a beautiful fresh pineapple, the receipt of which we have never acknowledged. We thank you for the same.

A few years ago I promised to send you my collection of mosses whenever the Herbarium would be in permanent quarters so that you would have a place to put it. Believing that you have now arrived at this happy condition, I sent the collection to you by express a few days ago, and trust that it will reach you safely and prove of some use. It should be stated that the identifications were O.K.'d by Professor Daniel C. Eaton of Yale, who was a good deal of a specialist on mosses and ferns.

We are late in getting off this year, owing to the fact that my work here will not be in condition to leave before another month, which I very much regret.

My brother and sister, who have not been here since Dorothy's wedding, arrived last evening for a little visit.

Spring is just opening now. The grass is turning green in favored spots, and the magnolias are in flower. In a week or so the leaves will be coming out.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

Albert Shumway

Miss Alice Eastwood
Academy of Sciences
San Francisco
Calif.

April 17, 1916

Marvel Carburetor Co.
Flint
Michigan

Dear Sirs:

Is there anyone in this town who understands your carburetor? I have one in a new Oakland 38, but the agents of the Oakland don't seem able to adjust it properly or keep it in condition, and it is giving me a great deal of trouble. If there is anyone here who understands it, I shall be glad to take my car to him to have it put in proper adjustment.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 17, 1916

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Interior
Washington
D. C.

Sir:

If available for distribution, I should be greatly obliged if you would send me three copies of the last Report of the Governor of Alaska on Game and Game Laws.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 17, 1916

Dr. Wilbur L. Cross
The Yale Review
Yale Station
New Haven
Conn.

My dear Dr. Cross:

Yes, I will try to write a review of Grinnell's 'Fighting Cheyennes', although I am under such pressure for time that I really ought not to undertake it. Putting it off a few months is only an illusion. I will try to send it to you before I go West. It need not be a long review, of course, and the 1500 words you mention should more than cover it, I think.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 17, 1916

Hon. Hugh P. Baker
New York State College of Forestry
Syracuse
New York

Dear Sir:

If you have copies to spare, I should appreciate the courtesy if you would send me two or three copies of the recent publication by Dr. William L. Bray on 'The Development of the Vegetation of New York State.' If these are for sale I shall be very glad to purchase the same.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 17, 1916

Dear Doctor Evermann:

Yours of the 10th inst. is at hand, asking me to join Joseph Grinnell in representing the Academy at the meeting of the American Association of Museums in this city May 15-17 next. If I can serve the Academy in this way I shall be glad to do so, although the time at my disposal is fearfully limited.

It is gratifying to know that you have made such progress with your habitat groups. I shall be glad to see them on my return to California.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Dr. Barton W. Evermann
Director, Calif. Academy of Sciences
San Francisco
Calif.

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April 17, 1916

MacKay & Dippie
Calgary
Alberta

Dear Sirs:

The last batch of five bear skulls which you shipped by Dominion Express arrived after some delay, and I have just examined them. Four are grizzlies; One is a black, and is the smaller of the two from Champagne Landing, Yukon. The other skull from the same locality is a fine old male grizzly, although marked female. It unfortunately has a piece sawed out of the back of the skull. Otherwise it is so fine a specimen that I am crediting you with $20 for it. The male from Columbia Valley I have entered at $18; the young male from Briscoe at $10; the female from Morley, Alberta at $10; the black bear from Champagne Landing at $4, making $62. in all, a check for which amount will be sent you about the first of next month.

I shall be glad to take all the grizzly skulls you can get hold of during the spring and summer.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson

April 18, 1916

Mr. James L. Clark
1160-62 Southern Boulevard
Bronx, New York City

Dear Mr. Clark:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter inquiring about sheep scalps. Having no collection of my own, I referred the matter to the Biological Survey, and supposed they had written you, but learned last night that they had not. They report that they have no sheep scalps which they could exchange.

I am interested to know that you have the head of a sheep from the Sierra Nevada in California. Owing to the rareness of these in collections, I am wondering if you have the data for the specimen.

Regretting the delay in replying to your letter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 18, 1916

Judge Carroll Sprigg
Dayton
Ohio

My dear Judge Sprigg:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your letter of April 3 about the walrus scalps. It has not been practicable until today for me to see the Museum authorities on this subject. Mr. Gerrit S. Miller, Curator of Mammals, told me this morning that he should be very glad to have the scalps, assuming that the locality they came from is known. We understand that these are scalps only, not accompanied by skulls or tusks.

About your forthcoming trip to Alaska: I agree with you that this is likely to be an excellent year for big game. As for suggestions concerning good territory for hunting, this would depend largely on two things: the time you will be able to give to the hunt, and the kind or kinds of game you are anxious to secure. For big bears, Admiralty, Baranof, and Chichagof Islands, and the Alaska Peninsula are the easiest of access, and seem to be well stocked with bears. The Kenai Peninsula also is good bear ground. On the other hand, specimens from the mainland from Prince William Sound





southeasterly, are much more badly needed in collections.

Sheep and moose are easily killed on the Kenai, while caribou are common over much of the interior and occur also on Alaska Peninsula.

If I can be of any help to you, let me know.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

If you have Gunther ship the walrus scalps, please have them addressed to Mr. Gerrit S. Miller, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.

April 20, 1916

Dear Chapman:

You were mighty good to send me that beautifully bound copy of King's 'Mountaineering in the Sierra Nevada'. I have an old much-worn copy in the original cloth binding, and without the maps. The maps are new to me, and I am mighty glad to see them and to have this splendid copy. We will take it to Lagunitas, where it will be available for reading aloud evenings.

We are glad that you and Mrs. Chapman and Frank are able to go together on your coming South American expedition. You have planned a great trip, and I most earnestly hope that you will get no end of scientific material and personal enjoyment to you all out of it. I wish indeed I could be with you on the journey.

With best wishes and love from us all to you all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Frank M. Chapman
American Museum of Natural History
New York City



April 20, 1916

Dr. Stephen T. Mather
Assistant to the Secretary
Dept. of the Interior
Washington
D. C.

Dear Doctor Mather:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the publication of the Department entitled 'General Information Regarding the Territory of Alaska'. In it I find much of interest. I am obliged also for your reference to the Secretary of Agriculture of my request for the last Report of the Governor of Alaska.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 20, 1916

Mr. A. H. Sales
Salesville Mercantile Co.
Salesville, Mont.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 15th inst. as to why I had refused the shipment of the grizzly skin and skull, would state that my refusal was to pay a C.O.D. charge of $35. The Government does not do business in this way. We pay express charges to the express company, and pay bills for specimens to the persons from whom the specimens are received, a check for the purpose being sent direct from the disbursing office.

I shall be very glad to accept the specimen and pay for it in the usual way, but will not pay C.O.D. charges. If the C.O.D. clause is released to the express company, the specimen will be received and a Smithsonian check for the amount sent. If this can be attended to so that the notification of release arrives before the end of the month, a check for the amount will be sent the first of May. Otherwise it will have to wait until the first of the following month, as my accounts are rendered monthly. Please notify me in whose name the check should be drawn.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam



April 20, 1916

Mr. Gerrit S. Miller, Jr.
Curator, Division of Mammals
U. S. National Museum
Washington
D. C.

Dear Mr. Miller:

Replying to your letter of the 19th inst., as to the authenticity of a certain paragraph from a letter written by me to Professor Hiram Bingham, I am enclosing a copy of the complete letter so that there may be no misunderstanding on the subject.

My interest in the matter from the first has been to secure the collection for the National Museum.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

(C O P Y)

April 12, 1916

My dear Professor Bingham:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th inst. just received. Heller had already suggested the matter of donating the Peruvian mammal collection to the Biological Survey, and had shown me a copy of Dr. Walcott's letter to you on the subject. Acting on this letter, I immediately brought the matter to the attention of the Biological Survey, and the Chief Mr. Henshaw, and Assistant Chief Mr. Nelson, agreed that if the collection could be accepted without prejudice -- without the appearance of taking sides in a quarrel -- they would accept it most gladly, place it at Heller's disposal, and turn it over to the Museum as soon as Heller had finished his work on it, which was assumed would be in about six weeks.

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In view of this unexpected attitude on the part of the Museum, the Biological Survey declines with genuine regret to accept the collection. The present status of the case is most unfortunate, and I am unable to suggest a remedy.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) C. Hart Merriam

Professor Hiram Bingham
Yale Station
New Haven
Conn.

April 22, 1916

Mr. Charles A. Zeige
Long Lake
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. has just come to hand. I am glad to learn that you are in a position to obtain skulls of bears. I am anxious to secure during the coming season as many skulls as possible of grizzly and big brown bears, but do not care much for the small black bears.

For skulls of grizzlies and big brown bears I will pay the following prices, according to sex, age, and condition of skulls, it being assumed of course that each skull will be carefully labeled for the locality where killed: $4 each for young skulls, up to $10 or $15 for adult females and $20 or even $25 for good old males.

Skulls need not be completely cleaned. It is enough to cut off the thick flesh and to remove the tongue and brains, care being taken not to cut or injure the base and back part of the skull. When dried such skulls should be carefully wrapped, packed in boxes, and shipped by express, transportation charges collect, addressed: U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Your name should be written on a tag attached to each



Mr.C.A.Z.

skull, and also on the outside of the box, so that when it arrives it will be properly accredited to you, as numerous skulls are coming in all the time. Single skulls if well wrapped to protect the bones and sewed up in cloth or gunnysacking may be sent by parcel post.

I am anxious to see as many grizzly skulls as possible in the near future, and would be greatly obliged if you will send me promptly any that you may obtain, not waiting to secure a number, as it is just as well to send them from time to time as collected.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 22, 1916

Mr. H. H. Pittman
Box 28
Wauchope, Sask.
Canada

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the17th inst. with accompanying photographs, after having been properly censored, reached me this morning, for which I am very much obliged. Of this last batch I am retaining 18 and returning 19. Besides these I am taking the liberty to retain two prints (945 of the white jack rabbit in plowed ground and 1202 of grass-hopper mouse) in exchange for the prints of the same animals received previously. These latter are returned herewith, making 21 returned prints, which I hope will reach you safely and in good condition. A check for these, amounting to $36, will be sent you direct from the Smithsonian Institution about the first of May.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter, and hoping you will continue to send me such photographs as you may take in future of mammals,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 22, 1916

Mr. Noah Farnum Morrison
314 West Jersey Street
Elizabeth
New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Have you on hand a copy of 'Out West Magazine' for June 1902? If so kindly send same with bill. If you do not have same, do you know where I might be able to secure a copy?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
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April 24, 1916

Mr. Gerrit S. Miller Jr
Curator, Division of Mammals
U.S.National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Miller:

Your letter of the 21st inst. reached me Saturday. You say that my statement to Professor Bingham differs so widely from your statement of the case "that a mistake is evident." On reading your letter carefully in connection with mine to Professor Bingham, I fail to observe any conflict, and cannot imagine to what you refer unless possibly to my use of the expression "would consider it an unfriendly act" instead of your words "would not regard the suggested action as a favor" -- which means that you would look upon it with disfavor.

In telling me of your decision it is hardly to be expected that Nelson committed to memory and repeated the exact words used by you, and for my part I freely admit that I paid not the slightest attention to the words used by him. From what he said however I received the distinct impression that the Museum was averse to receiving the Peruvian mammal collection through the Biological Survey as had been suggested -- and this agrees with the statement in your





letter. I therefore wrote Professor Bingham to this effect in reply to his letter to me. A copy of my letter to him I sent you a few days ago.

I am sorry if the term "unfriendly act" used by me was stronger than the word or words used by you to Mr. Nelson. But since the expression came to my mind at the moment of writing, and since it is the one commonly employed in diplomatic language to express disapproval, I used it. The matter before us was not one of words, but of fact -- whether or not the Museum desired the Biological Survey to accept the collection on the terms proposed. Life is too short, and both of us are too busy, to waste time in quibbling over words.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson

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April 24, 1916

Mr. Oscar T. Landry
Bella Coola
B. C.

Dear Sir:

The grizzly skull from the head of Bella Coola Valley, which you shipped in December, has at last arrived. It is a fine old male and I am allowing you $25.00 for it, which amount will be sent you from my fund in the Smithsonian about the first of next month.

I shall be glad to take all the grizzly skulls you can get hold of during the spring and summer.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

April 27, 1916

Mr. John D. Sherman Jr.
24 Claremont Avenue
Mount Vernon
New York

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your Catalogue No. 2 just received. From it I should like to order the following publications in mammalogy:

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| Bangs, Outram | 4 papers on Labrador & other mammals | .25 |
| Batchelder, C. F. | Jumping Mice | .25 |
| Biological Society of Washington. | 9 papers on mammals by Grinnell, Howell, Osgood & others | .50 |
| Cooper, Wm. | 3 excerpts N. A. mammals | .50 |
| Cope, E. D. | Types of Molar teeth of mammalia educab. | .40 |
| Hahn, W. L. | Review of Bats | .15 |
| | Notes on mammals | .15 |
| Le Conte, John | Excerpt on N.A. mammals & reptiles | .30 |
| McChesney, C.E. and Elliott Coues | Notes on Mammals | .15 |
| Mammals | Reprints & excerpts 1852-1914 | 1.00 |
| Packard, A.S.Jr. | Origin of Amer. Varieties of Dog | .20 |
| Rehn, J.A.G. | Excerpts on Bats & other mammals | .20 |
| Rhoads, S.N. | Synopsis Polar Hares of N.A. 1896 | .50 |
| | " Amer. Martens | .25 |
| | Excerpts N.A.mammals | .75 |
| Townsend, John K. | Giant Wolf of N.A. | .40 |
| Wood, N. A. | Mammals of Mich. & Iowa. | .25 |
| Woodhouse, S.W. | N.A. Jackal | .25 |

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 27, 1916

Dr. I. F. Burgin
605 East Pike Street
Seattle
Washington

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of April 21 just received. On April 3 I wrote to you at Delta, Colorado, but evidently the letter was not forwarded to you. I am therefore enclosing a copy of the same.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 28, 1916

Cadmus Book Shop
150 West 34th Street
New York City

Dear Sirs:

From your recent catalogue I should like to order #5091 Lester, John E. The Yo-Semite. 1873. $1.00

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



April 28, 1916

Mr. Daniel H. Newhall
154 Nassau Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

From your special list No. 95 I should like to order #38 Seyd, Ernest. California and its Resources. London, 1858. $4.00

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 29, 1916

Mr. R. V. Cann
College of Agriculture
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wis.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your undated inquiry received today concerning D.D.Streeter, would say that several years ago this young man was employed temporarily by the U.S.Biological Survey as a field naturalist. His home was Brooklyn, New York, and his parents were people of ample means. He is very polite, companionable, and willing, but I do not think he has as yet made a great success. He may be lacking in application and persistence, but it is some years since I have had an opportunity of judging his work. He is fond of out-of-door life, but so far as I am aware he has not had experience at farming. I am utterly unable therefore to fill out the blank you enclose.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 29, 1916

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I enclose my expense account for April amounting to $20.15, together with a batch of voucers and bills as per accompanying list, and shall be obliged if you will kindly pay the same from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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| A.M.Robertson -- Book | $7.00 |
| Library Bureau -- Cards | 13.37 |
| Andrews Paper Co.--Supplies | 1.45 |
| " " " Paper | 2.45 |
| Albert A. Bieber --Books | 4.00 |
| Office rent | 66.60 |
| Woodward & Lothrop--Books | 6.50 |
| E.M.Axelson--Bear skin & skull | 50.00 |
| MacKay & Dippie--Bear skulls | 62.00 |
| Oscar T. Landry--Bear skull | 25.00 |
| H.H.Pittman--Mammal photos | 36.00 |
| Zenaida Merriam--Services | 22.50 |



C. Hart Merriam

The Northumberland, Washington, D. C.

1916 APRIL EXPENSE ACCT.

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|---|---|---|---|
| April 1 | Charles H. Soran -- Putting up map-case | | 7 50 |
| " 10 | Wells Fargo & Co.--Expressage to Academy of Sciences, San Francisco | 1 | |
| " 15 | Subscription to Red Man | 2 | 1 90 |
| " 15 | Subscription to Game Breeder | 3 | 1 00 |
| " 17 | Subscription to Forest and Stream (2 copies) | | 1 00 |
| " 18 | Bottle of ink | 4 | 2 00 |
| | Potomac Electric Power Co.--Electric current | | 25 |
| | Carfare for work of assistant at Library of Congress | 5 | 1 00 |
| " 29 | Services of charwoman, office apartment | | 1 00 |
| | Services of janitor, office apartment | 6 | 3 50 |
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C. Hart Merriam

Woodward & Lothrop

F & 10th Streets, Washington, D. C.

BOOKS

| 1916 | | |
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| April 1 | Fernald: English Synonyms | 150 |
| " 13 | Hammond: Quaint and Historic Forts | 500 |

$6 50

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E. M. Axelson

Yakutat, Alaska

| 1916 | | |
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| Apr. 10 | Skin and skull of glacier bear from foot of St. Elias Range, Alaska | 5000 |

$5000

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50.00

MacKay & Dippie

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

BEAR SKULLS

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| 1916 | | |
| April 17 | Skull of old ♂ grizzly from Champagne Landing, Yukon | 20 00 |
| | Skull of old ♂ grizzly from Columbia Valley | 18 00 |
| | Skull of young ♂ grizzly from Briscoe | 10 00 |
| | Skull of yg.ad.♀ grizzly from Morley | 10 00 |
| | Skull of black bear from Champagne Landing | 4 00 |
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62.00

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Oscar T. Landry

Bella Coola, B. C.

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| Apr. 24 | Skull of old male grizzly from Bella Coola | 2500 |
| | | $2500 |

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25.00

[redacted]

H. H. Pittman

Box 28, Wauchope, Saskatchewan, Canada

1916

April 24 18 Photographs of mammals from Wauchope 3600

$3600

--------thirty-six---------- ------no-------

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C. Hart Merriam



Zenaida Merriam

The Northumberland, Washington, D. C.

1916

pril 29 Services as assistant 10 days @ $2.25 per day 22 50

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C. Hart Merriam

James Willard Schultz
c/o Great Northern Ry Co.
606 So Spring St.
Los angeles, Calif.

Crow Indians never lived or hunted in or near Yellowstone Park, but far to east.
Only Indians who know anything of Park are Bannocks + Sheep Eaters, those hard to find.

C.H. Ma -

May 4, 1916

Dear Roosevelt:

Your telegram reached me before your letter, and I wired you in reply that I would be glad to lunch with you Tuesday at Oyster Bay.

Heller returned this morning from New York and says he will go also, as I believe he has written you.

I am glad you are pleased with the review.

It will be good to see you again.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Col. Theodore Roosevelt
Oyster Bay
Long Island
New York



May 4, 1916

Mr. A. H. Sales
Salesville Mercantile Co.
Salesville
Montana

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 26 (signed "J.A.Shadoan") came duly, and the grizzly skin and skull have now been delivered by the Express Company. As they did not arrive until after my April account had been sent in, the check for the amount promised ($35.00) cannot be sent you until the end of the month.

I understand from Mr. Bailey that this bear was killed on Sage Creek, in the northwestern corner of Yellowstone Park, bud I do not know the date. Do you remember the month when it was killed? And was it in 1915 or 1914?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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|---|---|---|
| Cougar | 3 males @ $4.00; 1 female @ $3.00 | $15.00 |
| Marten | 4 @ .50 | 2.00 |
| Black Bear | 2 injured males & 3 injured females @$2. | 10.00 |
| " | " 2 good females @ $3.00 | 6.00 |
| | | ~~$33.00~~ |

May 5, 1916

Mr. W. R. Kent
Campbell River
B. C.

Dear Sir:

At last your shipment of skulls has been received. Part of the delay was due to the fact that it had been held up by Customs people.

I am glad to have all of these skulls, but regret very much to find that five of the black bear skulls have been badly injured by chopping off the back part where the skull joins the bones of the neck. This makes it impossible to get good measurements for the base of the skull. In future shipments I hope this may be avoided.

Can you not get me some skulls of wolves, both from the island and from the mianland? I should be glad to purchase a number. And if you can get hold of any grizzly skulls be sure to send them, as I willing to pay big prices for the same, the prices ranging from $4 for cubs and $10 for adult females, up to $20 or even $25 for good old males, each skull of course to be labeled for locality where killed. Additional tags are enclosed herewith.

The money for these skulls will be sent you about the end of the present month. ($33.00)

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



May 5, 1916

Dear Grinnell:

It was a disappointment to me that I did not see you yesterday. I wanted to talk with you particularly about the Mountain Crows, and also about the matter of names for points in Glacier Park. The latter subject however can go over, as the suggested changes have not arrived and may not come until after I go west. At all events, I should not think of advising action of them until after consultation with you.

Is there any human probability that the Mountain Crows ever pushed far enough west to enter the Yellowstone Park country? My sources of information do not state their exact whereabouts, but merely mention that they lived in the mountains south of the Yellowstone. Schultz claims that they reached the headwaters of the Yellowstone, but I cannot find any evidence to this effect.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. George Bird Grinnell
238 East 15th Street
New York City.

May 4, 1916

Dear Mr. Norton:

Again I owe you an apology for delay in writing, but it was only yesterday that I was able to examine the Glacier Bear skins in the National Museum and Biological Survey collections in comparison with the skin you were kind enough to have Rowland send me some weeks ago. This skin is much blacker than any we have, but owing to its composite character and lack of specific data, is not of high value as a Museum specimen. On the other hand, it is a most beautiful rug. I shall therefore return it to you in a few days, care of Thomas Rowland, unless you advise me to ship it to you at Goshen, New York. I greatly appreciate your courtesy in the matter, and the generosity of your offer. If I remember correctly Miss Annie Alexander at Berkeley, Calif. has a Glacier Bear skin similar to this one of yours.

I am obliged also for the data as to your old male Klappan Grizzly.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. G. Frederick Norton
Sunnydale Farm
Goshen
New York



May 5, 1916

Mr. Gilbert H. Grosvenor
Director, National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Very many thanks for the bound National Geographic Magazine for the year 1915, which you have been good enough to send me with the compliments of the Society. As in the case of the bound copy of the previous year's magazine, I shall take it to Lagunitas where it will afford entertainment during the fall evenings.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 6, 1916

Mr. Noah Farnum Morrison
314 West Jersey Street
Elizabeth
New Jersey

Dear Sir:

From your catalogue No. 158 I should like to order the following:

6334 Fowler, Jacob. Journal of, Narrating an adventure form Arkansas to the Rio Grande. 1898.

6393 Reynolds, W. E. Report on Exploration of the Yellowstone River. 1868 $1.50

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



May 6, 1916

American Geographical Society
Broadway and 156th Street
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find one dollar for which kindly send me two copies of the Geographic Review for March.1916.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 6, 1916

N. J. Bartlett Co.
Cornhill
Boston
Mass.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for $3.75 in payment of Moorehead's 'American Indian' recently received. Kindly send receipted bill for same (a 2nd + bill with book).

Very truly yours,

C. Burke Murian

May 8, 1916

Dr. Arthur L. Day
Home Secretary
National Academy of Sciences
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 6th inst. informing me that "no one shall be a member of more than one section" of the National Academy and asking with which section I desire to be affiliated, would say that inasmuch as my interests and original research work are rather evenly divided between anthropology and zoology, and inasmuch as I do some work each year in botany, I find it impracticable to comply with the request.

It occurs to me that if the Academy intends to limit the activities of its members to a single field of science, it might be better for it to decide by vote to which section each member shall be restricted.

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam



May 8, 1916

Dear Mr. Clark:

Your letters of the 4th and 6th insts. are at hand. The female grizzly skull and skull of male black bear shot by J. H. Eagle on Iskut Creek in the Stikine country in the fall of 1915, arrived this morning, and I am very glad to have them.

The photographs of mounted sheep heads sent at the request of Lincoln Ellsworth also came this morning, but are absolutely without data. You say "the data on the back of these is all that he gave." The only mark on the back of any of them is your stamp "mounted by James L. Clark, New York". The pictures would be of considerable interest were each labeled with the locality where killed, but without this information they are of no value.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter of bear skulls,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Mr. James L. Clark
1160 Southern Boulevard
Bronx, New York City

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May 8, 1916

Dear Doctor Hodge:

Very many thanks for sending me 'Idiomas Californias'. I am mighty glad of an opportunity to examine it, and if you have no objection would like to copy it. Until it goes back to you it will be kept every night in a fireproof safe.

Again thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. F. W. Hodge
Chief, Bureau of American Ethnology
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

May 10, 1916

Hudson Book Co.
25 West 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Fitzgerald's 'California Sketches' which you sent me a few days ago, instead of describing parts of California and grizzly bear hunting as implied by the notice in your book-list, proves to consist of a lot of foolish stories of no value whatever from the standpoint of my work. I am taking the liberty therefore to return it by this mail.

You quote "Savage Little Lady of Lagunitas $1.75" If you will send it on approval I will return it promptly if not wanted.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam



May 10, 1916

Mr. Hope Brewer
Athalmer
British Columbia
Canada

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for the grizzly bear skull received a few days ago from Sheep Creek, B. C. It is a fine young adult male, but unfortunately the back part of the skull which hinges to the bones of the neck, has been chopped off, thereby injuring it materially for a Museum specimen. However, I am crediting you with $18 for it, and a check for this amount will be sent you about the end of the present month.

If you are able to secure any more skulls of grizzly bears, I shall be glad to purchase all you can get hold of, provided each is labeled for the locality where killed.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 10, 1916

Dear Mr. Ellsworth:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me, through James L. Clark of New York, a set of eight photographs of mounted heads of mountain sheep belonging to your collection. They constitute a most attractive series, and with the attached data as to where the animals were killed, are of no little scientific interest.

I congratulate you on having secured such a fine lot of heads from such widely separated regions, and appreciate your courtesy in giving me this splendid lot of photographs.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Lincoln Ellsworth
12 East 69th Street
New York City



May 10, 1916

Mr. James L. Clark
1160 Southern Boulevard
Bronx, New York City

Dear Mr. Clark:

Your letter of the 9th inst. came this noon, enclosing seven small photos of Lincoln Ellsworth's sheep-heads labeled for the localities where killed. I have labeled the large prints accordingly and am returning the seven small prints herewith. With this information the series becomes one of great interest. I am writing Mr. Ellsworth by this mail.

With thanks for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 10, 1916

Mr. J. D. Cochran
Barkerville
B. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter dated April 23 but only just received, would state that I shall be glad to purchase the timber wolf skin and skull you mention at your price of $15. Please ship the same either by express or parcel post addressed: U.S.Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. A shipping tag is enclosed herewith. Be sure to attach a label to the skin bearing your own name and address, and have the same marked on the outside of the package.

During the past few months we have experienced unprecedented delays in receiving packages of specimens from British Columbia, probably owing to hold-ups in the Customs department.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

May 12, 1916

Mr. W. W. Nisbet
12 South Broadway
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your Book List 204 just received. From this I should be glad to purchase #213 Wyoming. Shoshone and Arapaho Indians .75.

Replying to your inquiry as to subjects of special interest, would state that I am interested in exploration, travel, and hunting in the West, especially early works, and in publications on the Indians of California, Nevada, and Utah. Outside of these three States I do not usually care for Indian matter except on Shoshonean tribes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



May 12, 1916

Marvel Carburetor Company
Flint
Michigan

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of April 19 (signed Dan. P. Maloney, Sales Engineer) would say that the new part which you sent for my carburetor arrived duly, but has only just been installed. Am returning the old part to you by this mail. On removing it from the carburetor was surprised to find that it and the new part seemed to be exactly alike -- neither the machinist nor myself could find any difference. However, the old piece was clogged with carbon and grease, part of which I have left in in order that you may see the same. This may account for part of the difficulty I have had. And I do not see exactly how it is to be remedied in future, as the same thing would seem likely to happen again and again. The little air hole at the bottom was completely closed, and is so difficult of access in the Oakland 38 that I hardly see how it can be kept open.

The main carburetor trouble I have had is that the car usually stalls when stopping in thick traffic or at any time when stopping rather suddenly.

Very truly yours,

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 20, 1916

Hon. R. F. Stupart, F. R. S.
Director, Meteorological Service
Toronto, Canada

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me A. J. Connor's recent paper on the 'Temperature and Precipitation of British Columbia,' which has just come to hand. This document contains much matter of interest to me, and I am very glad to have the opportunity of consulting it.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -



May 20, 1916

Dear Mr. Norton:

Yesterday I shipped to Thomas Rowland, 185 Sixth Avenue, New York City, your Glacier Bear skin rug, for the use of which I am very much obliged.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

Mr. G. Frederick Norton
Sunnydale Farm
Goshen
New York

May 20,1916

Mr. Thomas Rowland
185 Sixth Avenue
New York City

Dear Sir:

Yesterday I returned to you by express prepaid the rug skin of a Glacier Bear belonging to Mr. Frederick Norton, which you sent me at his request some time ago.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



May 20, 1916

Mr. Robert Johnson
Killisnoo,
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter and the bear skull to which you refer came to hand a few days ago. I am very glad to have this big skull of a brown bear, and am crediting you with $20. for the same. Payment will be sent you in about 10 days.

I shall be glad to take all the skulls of bears you are able to send, provided each skull is labeled with the name of the locality where killed, and the sex and date, when these are known to you.

I will pay $2 to $4 each for skulls of black bears, and $4 to $20 each for skulls of grizzlies or big brown bears, according to age, sex, and condition of skull. I should be glad to get skulls from the mainland as well as from Admiralty Island if you will be careful to label each one for the locality where killed.

In your letter to the Biological Survey you speak of sending 2 skulls in separate boxes. Only one has come as yet.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 20, 1916

Mr. W. H. Case
Juneau
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd inst. came a few days ago, and was followed by the female skull of a brown bear from Chichagof Island, which you sent at the same time. I am glad to have this skull, and particularly to know that the bear was taken from her den along with two very young cubs. Can you tell me on what part of Chichagof Island the bear was killed?

I am crediting you with $15 for this skull, a check for which will be sent you on or about the first of next month. The base of this skull was badly injured, the bone having been cut away to get at the brain more easily. This is a serious injury for Museum specimens, as you of course know.

Should you succeed in obtaining any more grizzly or brown bear skulls from the mainland during the present season, I should be glad to purchase them as usual. In case of such skulls please make a special effort to ascertain the locality where the bear was killed, as some of those you have sent me are not correctly labeled for locality. If there is doubt, better say so.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 22, 1916

De Witt & Snelling
1609 Telegraph Avenue
Oakland
Calif.

Dear Sirs:

A week or so ago I received from you on approval a set of your California bibliography cards, but up to date do not know the cost of same. I find the cards entirely satisfactory and would wish to retain same if the price is not too high.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 22, 1916

Dear Henshaw:

Replying to your letter of the 16th inst. concerning a letter from Frank S. Daggett, Director of the Los Angeles Museum of History, Science and Art, relative to making a park of the Rancho La Brea beds, I take the liberty to enclose herewith a copy of my letter to Daggett in answer to the same circular letter as the one received by you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Henry W. Henshaw
Chief, U.S.Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Daggett's letter to you is returned herewith.



May 22, 1916

Mr. Frank S. Daggett
Director, Museum of History, Science and Art
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Daggett:

Your letter of the 6th inst. in relation to the Rancho La Brea fossil beds is at hand. I am delighted to know that the owner, Mr. Hancock, has so generously donated thirty-two acres of these beds for park purposes. This is abundant proof of his appreciation of the very high scientific value of the fossil remains discovered on his property.

The fact that the skulls and other bones of extinct mammals thus far obtained from the Rancho La Brea beds exceed in interest any known deposit from any other part of the world, gives the locality unusual prominence. For this reason the place is likely to be visited not only by naturalists, but by the intelligent public for many years to come -- probably indefinitely.

The plan you suggest of enclosing the area with attractive park surroundings within which the beds themselves may be seen, strikes me as excellent. I would make the further suggestion that the educational value and popular interest of the proposed park would be enormously enhanced if a series of restorations of the animals, cast in

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cement, were placed about the excavations or scattered through the park. The originals of these might also constitute a unique addition to your Museum. It seems to me that the funds necessary to carry out this plan would be well spent, and would be appreciated by many thousands of our citizens.

Wishing you success in your undertaking,

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

May 22, 1916

Mr. W. R. Kent
Campbell River
British Columbia

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 11 came duly, and was followed a day or two ago by the box of skulls. It is good to know that this shipment was not delayed like the previous one. As you already understand about the reduced value of badly injured skulls, it is hardly necessary to say any more on that subject in this letter. You know of course that the two wolverine, 6 of the marten, and the youngest female black bear were the only perfect ones in the batch. I am crediting you for these as follows:

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| 4 Black bears | @ $2 | $8.00 |
| 2 Cougars | @ $1 | 2.00 |
| 2 Wolverine | @ $1.50 | 3.00 |
| 7 Marten | @ .50 | 3.50 |

I earnestly hope you will succeed in securing some grizzly bear skulls in the course of the season. In a previous letter I mentioned what skulls I am most anxious to get. If I did not mention wolverine I will remark that I will be glad to purchase at least 10 more skulls from Vancouver Island. I am glad to get skulls from both mainland and island, so long as they are correctly labeled for locality.





I have added the amount of these skulls, $16.50, to the previous voucher of $33.00, making $49.50 in all, which will be sent you on or about the first of June.

Hoping you will secure skulls of timber wolves during the season,

Very truly yours,

E. A. Preble

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May 22, 1916

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Spring is now so far advanced in British Columbia that I am wondering if your man who killed the red grizzlies has as yet been able to secure **their** skulls. If they are in reasonably perfect condition I should be glad to pay $25 apiece for them.

The two badly broken skulls of grizzlies, which you were kind enough to send the Museum for my examination early in the winter, are perfectly typical females of the smallest of all our northern grizzlies -- a species I named Ursus rungiusi some years ago. I suspect that the red bears belong to this same species, but cannot be sure without seeing the skulls.

Trusting that you will be successful in obtaining them, and thanking you for the **privilege** of examining the others,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Robert H. Chapman
2029 Q St.
Washington, D. C.

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May 22, 1916

Mr. Nelson Doubleday
Oyster Bay
Long Island

Dear Sir:

The Pocket Nature Library, which I ordered from you early in the month, has arrived in good condition but as yet I have not received receipt for check covering same. Will you therefore kindly send me a receipted bill so that I may have the same to turn in with my monthly account to the Smithsonian Institution?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
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June 1, 1916

Dear Osgood :

Will you please loan me again the type skull of Elliot's Ursus hylodromus which, as you remember, turned out to be a female grizzly instead of a male black? I have a number of additional skulls from British Columbia, and am anxious to make a more critical comparison than was possible when we had fewer skulls from the region.

We are hoping to get away about the middle of June, and I will of course return the skull before leaving.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Wilfred H. Osgood
Field Museum of Natural History
Chicago
Ill.



June 1, 1916

Mr. E. J. Millard
Dominion Express Co.
Vancouver
British Columbia

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 22 respecting a shipment of mammal skulls which left Campbell River, B.C. January 18, would say that this shipment finally arrived after having been long detained in the Customs.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

June 1, 1916

Dear Professor Thacher:

Your letter asking me to deliver an address at your commencement on June 9 has just reached me, having been forwarded from Lagunitas. As you see, I am still in Washington, and therefore unable to accept your kind invitation.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Prof. Sherman D. Thacher
Nordhoff
Calif.



June 1, 1916

Mr. J. P. V. Evans
Livingston
Montana

Dear Sir:

The bear skull which you sent on May 20, and described as a young silver-tip, is a young female black bear of no special value. Furthermore the skull is badly injured by having been sawed in two. If you will take $3 for it I will purchase it, otherwise will return it to you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 1, 1916

Dear Grinnell:

The accompanying petition and list of suggested changes of names for points in Glacier National Park sent by Schultz reached me last evening, and I am forwarding to you at once to get your comments. In most cases the proposed names are far too long. Please check such changes as you favor, and return at your convenience.

The number of signers of the petition is surprisingly small.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. George Bird Grinnell
238 East 15th Street
New York City



June 1, 1916

Dear Mr. Norton:

Replying to your recent letter would say that it has given me pleasure to comply with your request, and I trust the outcome will be such as you desire.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. G. Frederick Norton
Goshen
New York

June 1, 1916

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I enclose my expense account for May amounting to $36.07, together with a batch of vouchers and bills as per accompanying list, and shall be obliged if you will kindly pay the same from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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| DeWitt & Snelling--Calif.cards | $7.50 |
| Noah Farnham Morrison--Books | 4.12 |
| Daniel H. Newhall--Book | 4.00 |
| John D. Sherman,Jr. Books | 6.70 |
| Hope Brewer--Bear skull | 18.00 |
| W.H.Case--Bear skull | 15.00 |
| Robert Johnson--Bear skull | 20.00 |
| W. R. Kent--Mammal skulls | 49.50 |
| Albert Kookesh--Bear skull | 15.00 |
| Zenaida Merriam--Services | 15.75 |
| A.H.Sales--Bear skull & skin | 35.00 |
| Woodward & Lothrop--Books | 5.35 |
| Weaver Bros. Office rent & telephone | 66.30 |



C. Hart Merriam

The Northumberland, Washington, D. C.

| 1916 | MAY EXPENSE ACCT. | | Sub Voucher | |
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| May 2 | N. J. Bartlett & Co.--Moorehead's Amer. Indian | | 1 | 3 75 |
| 4 | Expressage on above book from Boston | | 2 | 32 |
| 8 | Amer. Geog. Soc.--Geographical Review (2 copies) | | 3 | 1 00 |
| 8-9 | Trip Washington-New York | | | |
| 8 | RR Return ticket Washington-New York | 11.30 | | |
| 8 | Lower berth Washington-New York | 2.00 | 4 | |
| 9 | Breakfast New York | .50 | | |
| 9 | Carfares N.Y.Zoological Park & return | .20 | | |
| 9 | Lower berth New York-Washington | 2.00 | 5 | 16 00 |
| 10 | Subscription to 'Wassaja' | | | 50 |
| 10 | Nelson Doubleday--Pocket Nature Library 4 vols. | | | 4 50 |
| 11 | W.F.Roberts Co.--Doz. sheets carbon paper | | 6 | 30 |
| 15 | W.W.Nisbet--Indian publication | | 7 | 75 |
| | Potomac Electric Power Co.--Electric current | | 8 | 1 00 |
| | Carfare of assistant for work at Libr.of Congress | | | 1 00 |
| | Stamps and stamped envelopes | | | 1 15 |
| | Services of charwoman for cleaning office aptment | | 9 | 3 50 |
| | Services of janitor | | | 1 00 |
| | Expressage on books from Mt. Vernon | | | 30 |
| April 29 | Cadmus Book Shop-- Lester, Yo-semite | | 10 | 1 00 |
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36.07

Hope Brewer

Athalmer, B. C., Canada

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| 1916 | | |
| May 12 | Skull of male Grizzly Bear from Sheep Creek, B.C. | 1800 |

$1800

----------eighteen---------- --------no-----

18.00



W. H. Case

Juneau, Alaska

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| 1916 | | |
| May 22 | Skull of big brown bear from Chichagof Island, Alaska | 15 00 |

$15 00

----------fifteen---------- --------no--------

15.00

Robert Johnson

Kiffisnoo, Alaska

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| 1916 | | | |
| May 22 | Skull of big brown bear from Hood Canal, Admiralty Island, Alaska | | 20 00 |
| | | | $20 00 |

twenty

20.00



W. R. Kent

Campbell River, B. C. Canada

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| 1916 | | |
| May 6 | 4 Skulls Cougar (3 males @ $4.00; 1 female @ $3) | 15 00 |
| | 4 Skulls Marten @ .50 | 2 00 |
| | 7 Skulls Black Bear (5 @ $2; 2 @ $3) | 16 00 |
| " 22 | 4 Skulls Black Bear @ $2.00 | 8 00 |
| | 2 Skulls Cougar @ $1 | 2 00 |
| | 2 Wolverine @ $1.50 | 3.00 |
| | 7 Marten @ .50 | 3 50 |
| | | $49 50 |

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Albert Kookesh

Killisnoo, Alaska

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| 1916 | | |
| May 25 | Skull big Brown Bear from White Water Bay, Admiralty Island, Alaska | 15 00 |

$15 00

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Zenaida Merriam

The Northumberland, Washington, D. C.

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| 1916 | | |
| May 31 | Services as assistant 7 days @ $2.25 per day | 15 75 |

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A. H. Sales

Salesville Mercantile Co., Salesville, Montana

| 1916 | | |
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| May 5 | Skin and skull of grizzly bear from Yellowstone Park | 35 00 |

$35 00

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35.00



Woodward & Lothrop

10th & F Sts., Washington, D. C.

| 1916 | BOOKS | |
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| May 3 | H. E. Bolton, Spanish Exploration in the Southwest | 3 00 |
| | Schultz, J.W. Blackfeet Tales | 2 00 |
| | Harpers Magazine for May (Death Valley article) | 35 |

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June 1, 1916

Major Wm. Austin Wadsworth
President Boone and Crockett Club
Geneseo, New York.

Dear Major Wadsworth:

Among the younger men who are not yet members of the Boone & Crockett Club, but who have shown their mettle in hunting big game in remote parts of the country, I should like to call particular attention to G. Frederick Norton, now of Goshen, New York.

Mr. Norton has hunted on Kenai Peninsula, and several years in the Yakutat Bay region, where he killed big brown bears on Malaspina Glacier on the north side of the bay, and a new species of grizzly (Ursus nortoni) on the south side. He has secured also a fine series of glacier bears, and was first to show that this animal is merely a color phase of the black bear. His specimens, which are of high scientific value, he has generously presented to our two greatest museums, the National Museum in Washington, and the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

Learning that Mr. Norton has been nominated for membership in the Club, and believing him well qualified for such membership, it gives me pleasure to second his nomination.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 1, 1915

Dear Schultz:

Thanks for your letter of May 25 enclosing the Blackfoot petition of which you had previously spoken, concerning suggested changes of names in Glacier National Park. On looking this over I am disappointed to find that most of the names are very long. The Geographic Board is on general principles opposed to long names. The Board is also in favor of using the actual Indian word instead of its English translation where the word is not too long, and is fairly easy to pronounce.

Glad you are to spend another summer in Glacier Park. My work here has dragged along so that we shall not be able to get away before the middle of June.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Jas. Willard Schultz
℅ Great Northern Railway Co.
606 South Spring St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

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June 3, 1916

Dr. F. J. V. Skiff
Director, Field Museum of Natural History
Chicago
Illinois

Dear Sir:

In connection with my work on the bears of North America I am anxious to compare the skull of the type specimen of Ursus hylodromus Elliot, which skull is the property of the Field Museum. It is a female from western Alberta. I shall be greatly obliged if you will loan it to me for a few days for comparison with specimens in our National Museum. Transportation charges will be paid by me as a matter of course.

Respectfully,

E. W. Nelson

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June 5, 1916

Dear Mr. Thayer:

Thanks for your letter of May 29. Owing to the quanity of work at this end of the line, we have been disappointed in getting away, as you see. We now expect however to reach Lagunitas about June 20, exact date still uncertain.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. W. I. Thayer
Thayer Garage
San Rafael
Calif.

June 5, 1916

Mr. E. H. Edwards
Atnarko
British Columbia

Dear Sir:

The bear skulls you have sent in have been of much assistance, and I am now writing to ask if you will make a special effort to obtain additional skulls during the present season. I am always willing to pay good prices for the same, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition of skull, as stated previously.

In case you are able to secure any, please ship as before, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. A few labels are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

A similar letter was sent to each of the following:

Louis Bell
Hope Brewer
J. D. Cochran
E. M. Axelson
William R. Green
Fred J. Roehl
Eugene Jacquot
Mrs. John Hyland
Ernest P. Walker



June 5, 1916

Mr. C. L. Steinhouser,
Unalakleet
Alaska

Dear Sir:

I was glad to receive the large bear skull you sent in early in the year, and am writing to ask if you will make a special effort to obtain additional skulls during the present season. I am always willing to pay good prices for the same, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition of skull, as stated previously.

In case you are able to secure any, please ship as before, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. A few labels are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

A similar letter was sent to each of the following:

W. H. Spaulding
P. W. Darbey
Joseph L. Hill
Capt. J. F. Hubrick
David P. Kane
Ernest Kirberger
Oscar T. Landry
J. C. Pitts

June 5, 1916

Mr. Charles J. Bayer
Lander
Wyoming

Dear Sir:

In your letter of February 12 you stated that you would send a grizzly skull when the snow went in the spring. I am wondering if you could secure it for me now, and send it(carefully wrapped) by express or parcel post,addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

I should be glad to take all the grizzly skulls you can get, and am always willing to pay good prices for the same, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition or skull, as stated previously. A few labels are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



June 5, 1916

Mr. Bernard Heins
Snettisham
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Will it be possible for you to secure any big brown bear skulls during the present season? I am always willing to pay good prices for the same, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition of skull, as stated previously.

In case you are able to secure any, please ship as before, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. A few labels are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

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June 5, 1916

Mr. A. Stecker
Quinhagak
SW Alaska

Dear Sir:

Last fall you wrote that you expected to be able to secure bear skulls for me in the spring, and I am writing to ask if you have met with any success. I am always willing to pay good prices for skulls of grizzlies or big brown bears, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition of skull, as stated previously.

In case you obtain any, please ship by express or parcel post, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. A few labels are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

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June 6, 1916

Mr. Wilson I. Gillam
38 Lexington Avenue
New York City

Dear Sir:

From your catalogue #4 I should like to order

No. 256 Ottawa Jim or the Bear Hunter. New York 1869 .50

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 6, 1916

Mr. R. S. Sargent
Hazelton
British Columbia

Dear Sir:

I was particularly glad to receive the bear skulls you sent in last summer, and am writing to ask if you will make a special effort to obtain additional skulls during the present season. I am prepared to purchase all you can get, but do not care for skulls of black bears, nor for the skins of any bears. I am always willing to pay good prices for bear skulls, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition, as stated previously.

In case you are able to secure any, please ship as before, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. A few labels are enclosed herewith. Be sure to attach one to each skull, giving the locality where killed, the date, the sex if known, and your own name.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 6, 1916

Mr. Fred E. Enevoldsen
Carmack
Yukon Territory

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 8 has just reached me, and I am mighty glad to hear from you. I have worried a good deal about not receiving the grizzly skull you sent me during the winter, but am glad to learn from your letter that it will be shipped by express from Whitehorse a little later. Shall also be very glad to get the grizzly skin from Pelly Lakes, and the other specimens you are sending, including the grizzly skin killed at the head of Gravel River. I hope the Indian will bring you its skull, as I shall be glad to pay a good price for it.

My book on the Big Bears will not be ready for the printer until next fall, so I shall be glad to purchase at good prices all the grizzly skulls you can get during the present spring and summer. A few additional tags are enclosed herewith, and also a shipping label.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



June 6, 1916

Dear Mr. Sargent:

Thanks for your letter of May 20. I am glad to hear from you and to know where you are.

I have been delayed by my work on the bears, but hope to start for California in about ten days, and expect to spend the summer at Lagunitas as usual. I should be glad to accept your invitation to spend a day with you at Pasadena en route, were it not so late that we will go by one of the northern routes, and very likely you will have left before our arrival.

You were fortunate to make the Mohave Desert trip at the time the flowers were in blossom. I don't know of anything more glorious than the desert in full bloom.

You were fortunate also to secure four Panamint baskets, which I am sure you will always treasure. I should be glad to see them sometime.

Don't imagine that those grizzly skulls you were kind enough to have Jacquot send us were not of any account. While none of them were fully adult, they nevertheless have fine teeth, and have been of considerable assistance.

With kindest regards to you both, and hoping you will give us a day at Lagunitas during the summer,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Homer W. Sargent
Hotel Vista Del Arroyo
Pasadena, Calif.

June 6, 1916

Mr. J. C. Thompson
Secretary Lagunitas Development Co.
464 California Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter of May 11, forwarded from Lagunitas. In answer to your inquiry as to whether or not the last property you sold me had been assessed to me this year, would say that there is every reason to believe that it has been so assessed, as my tax was increased to $53.96, the highest tax previously paid having been $48.55. As the description of the property on the tax bill is not complete as to boundaries, it would be difficult to decide except from the amount.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -



June 6, 1916

John R. Dawson, Esq.
Killisnoo
Alaska

Dear Sir:

You have been kind enough to help me in securing bear skulls from Admiralty Island by writing letters for the natives who had the skulls. I appreciate your courtesy in the matter, and hope you will continue to aid in securing additional skulls. I should be glad to obtain as many bear skulls as possible from Admiralty, Chichagof, and Baranof Islands, and also from points on the mainland, provided each skull is correctly labeled for the locality where killed. Government checks have just been sent in payment for the skulls received.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

June 6, 1916

Mr. Albert Kookesh
c/o J. R. Dawson, Esq.
Killisnoo
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for the skull of a female brown bear from White Water Bay, Admiralty Island, which arrived safely about a week ago. I have credited you with $15 for this skull, and a check for this amount will probably reach you about the same time you receive this letter.

I should be glad to receive other skulls from you from Admiralty Island, Baranof or Chichagof Islands, or from the mainland. In all cases be sure to put on the label the name of the locality where killed. Skulls should be sent as before, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. A few labels and a shipping tag are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



June 6, 1916

Mr. John Barrett
Director General
Pan American Union
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

If available for distribution, will you kindly send me a Military Map of Northern Mexico, entitled 'Map of Sonora, Chihuahua, and Coahuila, Mexico'? If there is any charge for same, I shall be glad to remit promptly.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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June 7, 1916

Editor Forest & Stream
22 Thames Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

For the third time this year I am obliged to call your attention to the fact that I am receiving only one copy of 'Forest and Stream,' whereas I have paid for two copies. The June number arrived a few days ago, but only one copy, as in the case of previous numbers. I shall be obliged if you will send me another copy of the June number, and hope you will be able to arrange your mailing list so that two copies may be sent me in future without the necessity of writing more letters.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Thurlow

June 7, 1916

Dear Grinnell:

Thanks for your letters of the 1st and 6th insts. The former crossed mine to you. I am greatly obliged for the reference to Le Raye on the killing of sheep and antelope by wild-cats, and also for the reference to the Snake Indians.

It was very good of you to take so much trouble in the matter of the proposed changes of names in Glacier National Park, and I thank you for the time you have taken to indicate the few changes that are worth considering. And as we appear to be of one mind in the matter, I think we need have no apprehension as to the result. The subject did not come up at the meeting of the Government Geographic Board today, and this is the last meeting until October. I am filing the documents therefore, with sufficient comment for the present. I really feel greatly indebted for what you have done, and I am sure it will be appreciated by the Board.

With best wishes, and love to Mrs. Grinnell,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. George Bird Grinnell
238 East 15th Street
New York City



June 7, 1916

Mr. William Ullman
Secretary, A. A. A.
Riggs Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ullman:

Enclosed is a brief memorandum along the line you suggested. Cut it down or fix it so that it will best serve your purpose.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

At a meeting of the A.A.A. Committee on the Washington-Richmond Highway, held yesterday, emphasis was laid on the material advantage Washington automobilists will enjoy in the completion of an additional route for Sunday outings. Most of the drives available from the Capital have been traversed so many times that they are somewhat threadbare. The highway to Richmond, which the District Club has undertaken to assist in completing, offers unusual attractions, whether the tourist wishes to avail himself of the entire drive of 135 miles or to make a shorter run, visiting places of interest along the way. The road is now in good condition to a point 21 miles below Washington, where repairs are to be begun immediately.

June 8, 1916

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. gives us both joy and sorrow -- joy to hear from you again and learn something of your plans, but most particularly and especially to know that at last you have someone to help you in your office work so that you can have more time to yourself and family. This is the best news I have heard in a long time. This will mean, I hope, some fine trips together during the season. Our sorrow consists in the fact that we have been so long delayed at this end of the line.

However, I am rapidly finishing my study of our great series of bear skulls, and hope to leave for California in about 10 days. Will let you hear from us soon after our arrival. We are all going together -- Mrs. M., Zenaida, Miss Allen, and myself. And if it is not too late when we get settled, we shall be only too glad to join families with you in the Pinnacles camping trip.

You almost take my breath away by implying that you have located that grizzly bear skull, and that it can be had for $25. If it really is a grizzly I shall be only too delighted to pay at least this price for it, perhaps more. If you can arrange so that I can see it, I shall be greatly obliged.





We have been having a rather rainy spring so far, with the result that the vegetation is unusually profuse, and the dust practically an absent quantity.

With love from all of us to all of you, and the hope of seeing you very soon,

As ever yours,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
912 Shreve Bldg.
San Francisco
Calif.

June 8, 1916

Mr. Donald Stevenson
Yellowstone National Park
Wyoming

Dear Sir:

Vernon Bailey hasjust told me that you have located 9 skulls of grizzly bears, and some of black bears in the Yellowstone Park region. I am very glad to learn this, as I am anxious to obtain as many skulls as possible of grizzlies, irrespective of locality, and shall be glad to pay good prices for all you can get, provided each one is labeled with the name of the locality where killed, and if known, sex and approximate date.

Assuming that these grizzly skulls are reasonably perfect, I shall be glad to pay $10 to $15 each for adults, and $4 to $8 each for younger skulls, according to age and condition, and will take at these prices all you can get. For common black bears, including the brown phase of the black bear, I will pay $2 to $4 each, according to age, sex, and condition.

Please tag each skull carefully and wrap each separately,pack in a wooden box, and ship by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agri-cu[illegible]ington, D. C. Please write your name on each tag, and on the outside of each box containing the specimens.





And at the same time write me a letter notifying me of the date of shipment.

The present order for skulls holds good for the entire year. Hope to hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 8, 1916

My dear Miss Edmond:

Your letter asking for the names of institutions or persons who would be interested in purchasing the basket collection of your late father, came duly.

Unfortunately, for the last six or eight years our museums have had very little money for baskets, and private collectors are few in number and most of them seem to have lost their zeal in collecting. There are however several museums which buy baskets when they have money available to pay for them. These museums are the American Museum of Natural History, New York City; Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Brooklyn; Peabody Museum of Harvard, Cambridge, Mass., Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago; Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh; Ethnological Museum of the University of California; Affiliated Colleges, San Francisco; and the U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.

Hoping that you will meet with success in disposing of your collection, and sincerely regretting that there is not time for me to see your collection before leaving for California,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Favergne Edmond
7 East 87th Street
New York City



June 8, 1916

Mr. Fred Mansell
372 Second St East
North Vancouver
British Columbia

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 1st inst. reached me a day or two ago, and the grizzly skull you sent has just arrived. It is a splendid big fully-adult specimen, and I am more than delighted with it. I hope you will send the skull of the silvertip also, even if it is cracked.

Although you were not able to secure any grizzlies when hunting for me a couple of years ago, I am nevertheless going to pay you $25 for this skull, and shall be only too glad to take all the grizzly skulls you can obtain during the present year at good prices, the price varying of course according to the sex, age, and condition of the specimen. Some labels are enclosed herewith, and I shall be obliged if you will fasten a label to each skull, stating the locality where killed, and when known, the sex and date also.

Payment for the skull just received will be sent you about the end of the present month, and if any others arrive in the interval, they will be included.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 10, 1916

Dear Sheldon:

Work has been pressing so hard of late that I have not been able to finish up the description of your new sheep until a day or two ago. I am enclosing the same herewith for any corrections and comments you may care to make.

Do you happen to remember when David Hanbury died?

I suppose your friend Norman James is already hunting big bears on Bridge Creek. I have been told that this is an unusually favorable season for hunting big bears because of the heavy snow in the mountains.

What shall I do with the two little books by Grizzly Adams, which you were good enough to bring here and leave with me? They have been in one of my safes ever since and if you so wish I will leave them in the safe until you come here next fall. Or if you prefer, I will send them by express to any address you give.

These accounts by Adams himself proved rather disappointing. I had hoped they would contain details and evidences of authenticity not contained in Hittell's book, but find very little along these lines. In fact his own story rather tends to increase the suspicion of unreliability.





This is too bad, as there can be no doubt that Adams trained one or two bears to follow him in hunting, and that he knew more than any other man about certain of the habits of the species.

We are hoping to get away in about ten days.

Hoping you are all well, and with love to Mrs. Sheldon,

As ever yours,

Chas. Sheldon

Mr. Charles Sheldon
Woodstock
Vermont

June 10, 1916

Dear Mr. Vreeland:

You will be glad to know that the female grizzly which you killed last year on the head of North Fork Big Salmon proves to be of unusual interest. It is a fine adult female, and appears to be the natural mate of the male Ursus latifrons, the type of which from Jasper House was described by me a couple of years ago. Yours is the first adult female I have seen of the species, and is therefore of more than usual interest and value.

I am not sure that I am able to locate accurately the place where you killed it, as the North Fork of Big Salmon is not shown on my maps. I assume however that the place is between the great bend of Fraser River, and some of the upper tributaries of the Parsnip.

With best wishes, and many thanks for securing this important bear,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Mr. F. K. Vreeland
31 Nassau Street
New York City



June 10, 1916

Mr. Milton Ames
Gardner
Montana

Silver Tip Lodge

Dear Sir:

Some time ago I wrote you in regard to skulls of grizzly bears, and Vernon Bailey tells me that you expected to obtain several during the present spring. As previously stated, I am always glad to pay good prices for skulls of grizzlies and should like to have you send me any you have on hand or are able to secure during the present season.

Each skull should be labeled with the locality where killed, sex, and date of killing when known, and should be shipped charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Your name and address should be plainly written on the outside of the box containing the skulls, as well as on each label.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

June 13, 1916

Powner's Book Store
Methodist Church Block
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:

From your catalogue No. 13 I should like to have you send the following books with the bill:

60 Beale by Stephen Bonsal. 1912 $1.35
66 Diary of Nelson Kingsley 1914 .75
85 Sixty years in Calif. by W. H. Davis 1889 $5.00

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam
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June 14, 1916

Dear Mr. Vreeland:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 12th inst. and the copy of your important map on which you have been good enough to mark the exact locality where you got the female Ursus latifrons. It is most satisfying to be sure of this locality, and I am obliged for your courtesy in the matter.

I am glad to know you are planning a trip to the mountains farther south for the present year, and hope you will have a successful hunt, not forgetting the great importance just now of bears from that region. Kindly bear in mind that I am anxious to pay from $10 to $25 each for grizzly skulls from all parts of British Columbia and western Alberta. This might enable you to take advantage of opportunities to secure skulls from natives or resident hunters.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Frederick K. Vreeland
31 Nassau Street
New York City

June 16, 1916

Dear Goldman:

Nelson tells me that he has wired you to proceed to California at once. I therefore hasten to write you at Bakersfield lest you get into Cuyama Valley before hearing from me.

But after all there is little to say that will be of any help to you in your work. The main thing is to find out whether or not you can make headquarters at the two Miller and Lux ranches, and obtain a saddle horse there to avoid the necessity of a camp outfit. All of this you will of course ascertain at Bakersfield.

While in the Cuyama region please make every effort to obtain from old settlers of the general region (I believe there are no old settlers in Cuyama) the names by which the mountains on both sides are commonly known, also if possible the point where the name of Cuyama River changes to Santa Maria.

Your principle work naturally will be the making of a general collection of the mammals and reptiles of the Cuyama Valley, and also of such birds as belong to the Mohave Desert fauna. A number of these occur also about and south of Tulare Lake, as you already know. The Amphispiza of the nevadensis group was common in the greasewood brush throughout the valley when I was there several years ago. And I shot a Le Conte thrasher, and saw yellow-billed magpies and white-





tailed kites. It is important to obtain a few breeding horned-larks in order to positively determine the species. It is important of course to send in specimens of all lizards and horned-toads of the valley.

In the mammal line you will of course make as complete a collection as possible of the smaller species from the different types of soil and vegatation in the valley bottom, and also, if you have time, from the adjacent basal slopes of the mountains. We need coyotes, desert foxes, and badgers from the valley, but the coyote and fox are by far the most important. Kangaroo rats abound and I think three species occur, though I am not sure that we secured [illegible] specimens of Dipodomys. The giant Perodipus ingens and a smaller species are common about the upper ranch.

We want to know how far up the valley straight Lower Sonoran extends. I suspect that it goes all the way to the foothills at the northwest.

On the floor of the valley large areas are covered with Eremocarpus and Trichostema. There are also patches of Isomeris globosa, and higher up considerable areas of greasewood of three species -- Atriplex canescens, polycarpa and lentiformis. Areas of Pleuchea sericea along the bottoms will remind you of the Colorado River country.

Please make a special effort to obtain good photographs and specimens from the groves of giant redshank (Adenostoma parsifolium), which may prove to be an undescribed form. The

species is common in spots in Cuyama Canyon below the valley, and occurs and ~~coccus~~ in wonderful groves at the base of the mountains on the west side of the lower part of the valley.

Other characteristic plants are: Eriodictyon parryi and tomentosum, Eriogonum fasciculatum, Baccharis viminea, Ramona stachyoides and polystachya, Isocoma vernonioides (a resinous green composite bush), Chrysothamnus nauseosus (a big whitish Bigelovia, common on some of the bottoms), Lepidospartum squamatum (a conspicuous green composite bush with yellow flowers on top, growing in the river-bottoms and washes), Malvastrum fremonti, Heliotropium curvassavicum; and Yucca whipplei and at least two species of cactuses (cylindrical and flat-pad) are common in suitable places along the edges.

Please get distances between important points in the valley. Also keep an eye on the roads and let me know whether or not it is practicable to travel up and down the valley by auto. At the time Bailey and I were in the valley several years ago there were no permanent wagon roads of any kind and the river crossings were impassible owing to the vertical cut-banks. At that time it was rumored that oil had been discovered, in which case I assume that the roads have been much improved.

It is a great disappointment to me that I have not been able to go west in time to join you in the valley, but as this is now impossible I shall be greatly obliged if you will write me at Lagunitas(where I expect to arrive about or before





the end of the month) rather fully concerning the results of your work in the valley,and as to the best practicable means of making a hurried trip there, as I expect to go there later in the season.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Mr. E. A. Goldman
Bakersfield
Calif.

June 17, 1916

Arthur Cooper, Esq.
Cordova
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Recently I learned through Dr. Ned Dearborn of the Biological Survey that you may be in a position to secure for me skulls of grizzlies or big brown bears from the region between Valdez and Prince William Sound, tributary to Cordova. I am anxious to obtain as many skulls as possible of big bears from your region during the present season, and should be glad to pay rather large prices for the same, the price varying from $4 to $8 for young bears, $10 to $15 for adult females, and $20 to $30 for fully-grown males, according to age and condition. I will take all you can get at these prices.

A label should be attached to each skull, stating the locality where killed, and if known, the sex and approximate date; also your own name. A few labels are enclosed herewith. Specimens should be carefully packed and shipped by express, charges collect, addressed: U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



June 17, 1916

Frank Townsend, Esq.
Cordova
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Last November, at the suggestion of Dr. Ned Dearborn of the Biological Survey, I wrote you in the hope of obtaining skulls of grizzlies or big brown bears from your region, but never received a reply.

I am anxious to obtain as many skulls of big bears as possible from your region during the present season, and should be glad to pay rather large prices for the same, the price varying from $4 to $8 for young bears, $10 to $15 for adult females, and $20 to $30 for fully-grown males, according to age and condition, and will take all you can get at these prices.

A label should be attached to each skull, stating the locality where killed, and if known, the sex and approximate date; also your own name. A few labels are enclosed herewith. Specimens should be carefully packed and shipped by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 17, 1916

Mr. A. H. Twitchell
Flat
Alaska

Dear Sir:

At last after many months the bear skulls you wrote about so long ago have arrived. They came yesterday -- a female grizzly and a cub black. Previously we had received another cub black, making three skulls in all to date. For these I am crediting you $2 each for the black cubs, and $15 for the she-grizzly, making $19 in all. A check for this amount will be sent you from my fund in the Smithsonian the first of the month.

Should you be able to secure additional skulls of grizzlies or brown bears during the present season, I shall be very glad to purchase the same, and will pay for good adult males much more than for females and young. I shall be glad to take however all the bear skulls you can get, irrespective of age and sex. A few labels are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam



June 17, 1916

Mr. D. C. Davies, Auditor
Field Museum of Natural History
Chicago
Ill.

Dear Sir:

The skull of the type specimen of Ursus hylodromus which your Museum has been kind enough to loan me for examination, arrived this morning, for which I am very much obliged. I am comparing it with specimens in our National Museum, and will return it in a few days.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

June 19, 1916

Postmaster,
Champagne
Yukon Territory
Canada

Dear Sir:

A number of grizzly bears, I am informed, are killed in your region each year. I am anxious to obtain as many grizzly skulls as possible during the present season, and will pay good prices for the same. The prices range from $5 to $6 for youngish bears (up to the 3rd year), $10 to $12 for adult females, and $15 to $25 each for adult males, according to age and condition of skull. If you can secure any from hunters or natives, or place this letter in the hands of someone likely to obtain skulls, I shall be greatly obliged.

In cutting off the skull and cleaning the same, care should be taken not to cut or injure the bones at the back or base of the skull. The brain should be removed through the natural hole in the back of the skull. Each specimen should be labeled with the locality where killed, and if known, the sex and date. Your own name should be written on each label and also on the outside of the package. Single skulls may be sent by parcel post, others by express.

All packages should be addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Express packages may be sent charges collect. A letter should be written me at time of shipment, notifying me of same.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



June 19, 1916

Mr. E. Deville
Chairman, Geographic Board of Canada
Ottawa
Canada

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of the 14th Report of the Geographic Board of Canada, containing decisions to March 31, 1915. This will be of much assistance to me, and has already proved helpful in locating several places previously in doubt.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

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June 23, 1916

Mr. J. P. V. Evans
Livingston
Montana

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 12th inst., and for the package of skulls which has just arrived. There are four grizzlies and one black, as you said. Two of the grizzlies are cubs of the second year, one is fully adult, and another not quite adult. All are badly damaged in the back part of the skull, as you doubtless observed. The two oldest grizzlies have the back part shattered, apparently by the balls that killed them. The other two and the black have the back part chopped off, probably done in separating the head from the body. It is a great pity that skulls should be so needlessly damaged, as some of the most important parts for comparison with other species are wholly gone.

I am crediting you for the skulls as follows: for the adult grizzly $10, next oldest $8, the 2 cubs $5 each, the black $2, amounting in all to $30, a check for which amount will be sent you about the first of the month from my fund in the Smithsonian Institution.

Perfect skulls are worth at least double as much as these badly damaged ones, and I hope you will be able to impress upon the hunters the desirability of greater care both in killing and in removing the heads. I shall be glad to purchase all the grizzly skulls you are able to secure during the present year.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

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June 23, 1916

Postmaster
St. Michael
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Can you obtain for me any skulls of grizzlies or big brown bears from the St. Michael region? If so I shall be glad to pay good prices for the same, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition, from $4 each for young skulls, up to $10 or $15 for adult females and $20 or even $25 for good old males.

In case you have any on hand or can purchase any, please ship the same by express, transportation charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Please wrap each skull carefully to prevent breakage in transit. A few tags are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

June 23, 1916

Postmaster
Shaktolik
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Can you obtain for me any skulls of grizzlies or big brown bears from the Shaktolik region? If so I shall be glad to pay good prices for the same, the price verying according to age, sex, and condition, from $4 each for young skulls, up to $10 or $15 for adult females, and $20 or even $25 for good old males.

In case you have any on hand or cam purchase any, please ship the same by express, transportation charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Please wrap each skull carefully to prevent breakage in transit. A few tage are enclosed herewith. Each skull should be labeled with the name of the locality where killed.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam



June 23, 1916

Postmaster
Unalaklik
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Can you obtain for me any skulls of grizzlies or big brown bears from the Unalaklik region? If so I shall be glad to pay good prices for the same, the price varying according to age, sex, and condition, from $4 each for young skulls, up to $10 or $15 for adult females, and $20 or even $25 for good old males.

In case you have any on hand or can purchase any, please ship the same by express, transportation charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Please wrap each skull carefully to prevent breakage in transit. A few tags are enclosed herewith. Each skull should be labeled with the name of the locality where killed.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

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June 27, 1916

Goodspeed's Book Shop
5A Park Street
Boston,
Mass.

Dear Sirs:

From your catalogue No. 115 I should like to order the following items:

21 Farnham, T. J. Life, adventures & travels in Calif. $3.

22 Fremont, Col. Notes of travel in Calif. $1.50

Ringgold, Cadwalader. Series of charts, 1851. $1.50

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
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June 28, 1916

Standard Book Co.
98 Park Place
New York City

Dear Sirs:

From your List No. 95 I should like to order the following books:

Howard, O. O. My Life and Experiences among our Hostile Indians $1.75

Wallace, H. F. Big Game of Central and Western China $1.50

Wister, Owen. The Virginian $3.00

The last named book I wish to have sent to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California; the other two you may send to the address given above. Washington

My check for the books ($6.25) and postage (.69) amounting in all to $6.94, is enclosed herewith. Kindly send both packages by parcel post; there is no express office at Lagunitas. Please send receipted bill for same.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



June 28, 1916

Dear Doctor Wheeler:

Your undated letter from Hotel Lenox, Buffalo, reached me this morning. I am very glad to hear from you again, and to know that you are safely back in the United States.

As to the manuscript of your caribou paper which you sent me before your departure: I returned this manuscript and map to your sister on January 4, 1915, and am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter to her. A list of identifications of your Arctic plants was also sent to your sister.

Trusting that your sister will be able to put her hand on the manuscript promptly, and hoping that you will publish it at an early day,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. David E. Wheeler
P. O. Box No. 7
Concord
New Hampshire

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June 29, 1916

Mr. Franklin Adams
Chief Clerk and Editor of the BULLETIN
Pan American Union
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the Pan American map of the States of northern Mexico. It is on so large a scale and contains so many plane names, that it will be of much assistance to me in locating points and routes worked by our field naturalists during the many years they were gathering material in Mexico.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 29, 1916

Mr. C. B. Elliott
Lagunitas
California

Dear Mr. Elliott:

After receiving this please do not forward any more of the Merriam family mail as we hope to leave here in a few days, and will reach Lagunitas as early as practicable.

Trusting that you are well, and are having a good season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



June 28, 1916

Postmaster
Carmack
Yukon Territory
Canada

Dear Sir:

About the first of the year Fred Enevoldsen sent to your office a grizzly bear skull, expecting it to be forwarded to me by parcel post. Early in May he learned that the package was too heavy and had not been sent. He then sent word to have it shipped by express. Two other packages from him have just arrived by express, but the bear skull in question has not come to hand. It happens to be the most valuable specimen in the lot and I am especially anxious to see it. If it is still in your hands I shall be greatly obliged if you will have it shipped by express, marked charges collect, and addressed: U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

July 1, 1916

Mr. H. M. Creel
Devils Lake
North Dakota

Dear Sir:

Can you tell me if grizzly bears were still to be found in eastern Dakota at the time you first arrived there? If not, did you learn anything about their former presence in the region? Do you know if any of the hunters or old inhabitants happen to have the skull of one of these animals? The favor of a reply would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



July 1, 1916

Mr. Ed. Lohnes
Indian Reservation
Tokio
North Dakota

Dear Sir:

Can you tell me if grizzly bears were still to be found in eastern Dakota at the time you first arrived there? If not, did you learn anything about their former presence in the region? Do you know if any of the hunters or old inhabitants happen to have the skull of one of these animals? The favor of a reply would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nelson H. Kent

The Berkshire, 1412 Chapin St., Washington, D. C.

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| 1916 | | |
| June 30 | For photographing bear skulls | 30 00 |
| | | $30 00 |

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---no---

30.00

July 1, 1916

Mr. W. I. Adams,
Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for June, amounting to $23.82, and several bills and vouchers as per accompanying list, which I shall be obliged if you will pay from the Harriman Fund.

As I expect to leave for California the latter part of next week, I shall be obliged if you will kindly advance the usual $500.00 for field expenses.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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|---|---|---|
| Elizabeth MacMaster -- Services | | $11.25 |
| Zenaida Merriam -- Services | | 22.50 |
| Joseph L. Hill -- Bear skull | | 25.00 |
| Fred Mansell -- " skulls | | 45.00 |
| A.H.Twitchell " " | | 19.00 |
| J.P.V.Evans-- " " | | 30.00 |
| Fred E Enevoldsen Mammal " &skin | | 25.25 |
| E. Morrison Paper Co.--Copy book | | 3.70 |
| Office rent and telephone (July) | | 66.25 |



C. Hart Merriam

The Northumberland, Washington, D. C.

| 1916 | June Expense Acct. | Suv Voucher | |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 9 | A.N.Marquis & Co. 'Who's Who in America' | 1 | 5 00 |
| 15 | Freight on books to Lagunitas, Calif. | 2 | 3 31 |
| 17 | Powner's Book Store--Books on Exploration | 3 | 2 28 |
| 23 | C. F. Heartman--Early nos. Am. Naturalist | 4 | 2 72 |
| 27 | Expressage on bear skull borrowed from Field Mus. | | 41 |
| 28 | Standard Book Co.--Howard: Book on Indians $1.75; Wallace: Big Game $1.50; postage 30c | | 3 55 |
| | Potomac Electric Power Co.--Electric current | | 1 00 |
| | Carfare for work of assistant at Libr.of Congress | | 1 00 |
| | Stamps and stamped envelopes | | 1 05 |
| 30 | Services of charwoman for cleaning office ap'tment | 5 | 3 50 |
| | Services of janitor | | |

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------twenty-four----  eighty-two----

23.82

Joseph L.Hill

Katalla, Alaska

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| 1916 | | |
| June 30 | Skull of fine old ♂ Brown Bear from Bering Glacier, Alaska | 25 00 |
| | | $2500 |

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25.00



Elizabeth MacMaster

1834 Kalorama Road, Washington, D. C.

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| 1916 | | |
| June 30 | Services as assistant 5 days @ $2.25 per day | 1125 |
| | | $1125 |

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twenty-five

11.25

Zenaida Merriam

The Northumberland, Washington, D. C.

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| 1916 | | |
| June 30 | Services as assistant 10 days @ $2.25 per day | 2250 |

$2250

---------twenty-two---------  ---fifty----

22.50



Fred Mansell

372 2nd St. East, North Vancouver, B.C., Canada

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| 1916 | | |
| June 8 | Skull old ♂ grizzly bear from Jervis Inlet, B. C. | 25 00 |
| " 28 | " " " " " " " " | 20 00 |
| | (Both skulls are accompanied by skins of heads) | |

$45 00

----forty-five-------  ----no-----

45.00

A. H. Twitchell

Flat, Alaska

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| 1916 | | | |
| June 17 | Skull female grizzly from middle Kuskokwim R. Alaska | | 1500 |
| | Skull black cub from Oganik, Alaska | | 200 |
| | Skull black cub from Chulitna River, Alaska | | 200 |
| | | | $1900 |

----nineteen---- ----no----

19.00



J. P. V. Evans

Livingston, Montana

BEAR SKULLS -- Yellowstone Park

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| 1916 | | | |
| June 24 | Skull adult grizzly | | 1000 |
| | Skull yg.ad. grizzly | | 800 |
| | 2 Skulls grizzly cubs | @ $5.00 each | 1000 |
| | Skull black bear | | 200 |
| | | | $3000 |

------thirty------ ----no----

30.00

Fred E. Enevoldsen

Carmack, Yukon Territory, B. C., Canada

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| 1916 | | | | |
| June 28 | 2 Skulls of Wolves | @ $4.00 | | 800 |
| | 10 Skulls of Lynx 5 @ 50¢;5 @ 75¢ | | | 625 |
| | 2 Skulls of Mink | @ 25¢ | | 50 |
| | 2 Skulls of Weasel | @ 25¢ | | 50 |
| | Skin of Grizzly Bear | | | 1000 |
| | | | $25 | 25 |

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25.25

July 4, 1916

Mr. Oscar T. Landry
Bella Coola
British Columbia

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Yours of June 20 is at hand. I am very glad to k[illegible]at you are pleased with the payment for your grizzly skull, and that you are arranging with natives to obtain a number of additional skulls during the present season. I shall be much pleased to receive these, and will pay good prices for the same, according to age, sex, and condition. Don't be afraid of getting too many, as I shall be glad to take all you can get, young or old, male or female, although as you know, the young and females are worth less than the old males. At the same time, they are worth sending.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -



July 4, 1916

Mr. Joseph L. Hill
Katalla
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 10 came in due cours[illegible]nd was followed a few days ago by the skull of a large brown bear from Cape Suckling, in front of Bering Glacier. In its prime it must have been a superb animal. I have credited you with $25 for it, in spite of the fact that it has no lower jaw.

I hope you will be able to obtain a number of additional skulls of grizzlies and big brown bears during the summer, and shall be glad to pay good prices for all you can get, females as well as males.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

July 4, 1916

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

The returned June expense account duly received. I regret the error of a dollar, and have had the same corrected and am returning the account herewith. Am also enclosing a voucher of $30 for Nelson H. Kent for photographing bear skulls, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam



July 4, 1916

Lee, Higginson & Co.
43 Exchange Place
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your July list of securities just received. I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me any circular or additional information you may have concerning the Russian Government credit. Which do you regard as the best security -- the rubles or the 5½% Gold Bonds?

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

July 5, 1916

Motor Vehicle Dept.
Sacramento
Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith is my application for a motor license for the six months remaining of the present year and a check of $6 on the Crocker National Bank for payment for same.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send my license plates to me in care of Thayer Garage, San Rafael, Calif. Will you please send me a copy of present traffic regulations for California, addressed to me at Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif?

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam



July 5, 1916

Crocker National Bank,
San Francisco
Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I enclose check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for $100, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly credit to my account. I expect to arrive in San Francisco in a few days.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

My address as usual will be Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

July 6, 1916

The Torch Press Book Shop
Cedar Rapids
Iowa

Dear Sirs:

Enslosed is 30c in stamps for which kindly send me item No. 155 offered in your recent catalogue, the same being Willard's 'Last Leaves of American History' with map.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 7, 1916

Charles Goldstein & Co.
Juneau
Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of June 16 has been referred to me by the Smithsonian Institution. I am glad to know that you are in a position to secure skulls of bears, and shall be glad to purchase at good prices all skulls of Grizzlies and big Brown Bears which you are able to furnish, provided each skull is tagged with the name of the locality where killed. I want skulls from the mainland and adjacent islands, and from all parts of the interior, and am willing to purchase immature and damaged skulls as well as old and perfect ones, although the prices paid for young and injured skulls are of course less than in the case of perfect adults.

The difficulty I have had heretofore in purchasing from taxidermists is the absence in many cases of reliable information as to where the bear was killed. I do not care where it was killed so long as the locality is correctly marked on the label. For the skulls of big bears so tagged I will pay from $4 each for young skulls, up to $10 or $15 for adult females and $20 or even $25 for good old males, according to condition.



Skulls should be boxed (each separately wrapped in paper or gunny-sacking) and shipped by express, charges collect, addressed: U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Your name should be written on each tag and also on the shipping tag on the outside of the box so that there may be no question as to the origin of the shipment. A letter should be written me on day of shipment, giving the number of skulls, and localities from which they came.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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July 8, 1916

Goodspeed's Book Shop
5A Park Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

Recently I ordered from your catalogue No. 115 a copy of Ringgold's Series of Charts, but as yet have only received the text for same. I have delayed writing in the hope that the Charts would come at any time.

As there seems to be some mistake in regard to the matter, I am returning the text herewith, and am enclosing my check for $4.50 to cover the cost of the other books ordered. Kindly send a receipted bill.

Very truly yours,

Gilbert Harrison

July 11, 1916

Dear Mr. Ullman:

The enclosed check, which I have endorsed, and the attached memorandum came in this morning's mail. In future notices it might be well to state that checks should be sent to the A. A. A. headquarters.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. William Ullman
Secretary, A.A.A.
Riggs Bldg.
Washington, D. C.



July 11, 1916

Mr. J. F. Townsend
4200 16th St.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your $2 contribution to the fund for repairing of the Washington-Richmond Highway, just received. Your check I am forwarding to the Auto Association's headquarters, Riggs Bldg., this city, and have written them it would be a good idea to state specifically in future notices that checks should be sent to their office. I had not realized until you called my attention to the matter, that this point had been left ambiguous.

Thanking you for your interest in the undertaking.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 13, 1916

Mr. Herbert Lee
Tenakee
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated June 19 and addressed to the Biological Survey arrived about a week ago an' the three bear skulls came yesterday. They represent two species, the Sitka Grizzly and the Sitka Brown Bear. The Sitka Grizzly is the narrowest skull, and is a little older than the others. The other two are young of different ages, probably 3rd and 4th years respectively. There is not a fully adult skull in the lot, although the Sitka grizzly is nearly adult.

I am crediting you for these skulls as follows: for the Grizzly $20; the larger of the two young Brown Bears $12; the other $6, making in all $38. A check for this amount will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian Institution about the end of the month.

I am very glad to have these skulls, and to know that you and your wife are such good hunters, and that you are likely to secure additional skulls in future. I shall be glad to purchase all the Grizzly and Big Brown Bear skulls you can get during the present year and will pay good prices, the price varying of course according to age, sex, and condition. Skulls should be



sent as before, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Your name should be written on each label as in the case of the present lot, and also on the outside of the package so there may be no mistake as to its source.

I should be glad to have you notify me of each shipment. My address from the present time until the middle of October will be Lagunitas, Marin Co., California; after October, Washington, D. C. as heretofore.

Do you know of any Indian or white hunter who has in his possession or is in a position to secure skulls of Grizzly bears from the coast region between Cross Sound and Yakutat Bay, particularly in the neighborhood of Lituya Bay? I am especially anxious to obtain skulls from this region and would pay good prices for the same. I want also all the skulls I can get from all parts of the mainland and islands, the only point on which I insist being that each skull shall be properly labeled for the locality where killed. There is no limit to the number of Big Bear skulls from Alaska or British Columbia which I am willing to purchase at good prices during the present year.

My publications on bears up to the present time consist almost wholly of technical descriptions. Am sending you a copy of the last of these papers herewith. I have prepared a review of the Big Bears bringing the general subject down to date, which may be published by the Biological Survey during the summer, and which of course I shall be glad to send you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 13, 1916

Mr. George L. Guinther
Guinther Realty Co.
510 White Bldg.
Buffalo
New York

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 7th inst. My check for $2 is enclosed herewith in payment for drawing up the Mortgage Release, which charge I regard as most reasonable.

Replying to your inquiry about the remaining lot on Ferry Street (166½ ft. ~~from~~ front) would say that I hold the deed, which reads "James S. Merriam to Charles B. Collins"and is dated May 11, 1857. It is recorded in the Erie County Cleek's office Liber 150, page 322, June 30, 1857 at 11 a.m.

I am leaving tomorrow for California. My address until sometime in October will be as usual, Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Very truly yours,
J. Scott Merriam -

July 14, 1916

Lee, Higginson & Co.
43 Exchange Place
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Many thanks for your promptness in sending statement covering $1000 Terminal Assn. St. Louis 4s and $1000 Russian Credit, amounting to $1859.96, check for which is enclosed.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send the Securities addressed to me care of the National Metropolitan Bank, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

E. Burt Swinson

July 15, 1916

Postmaster,
Washington
D. C.

Dear Sir:

Until further notice please forward to me at Lagunitas, Marin Co., California, all letter mail addressed to me at 1919 16th Street or at The Northumberland.

Please have all magazine, newspaper, and package mail delivered at the Northumberland, where it will be cared for until my return.

Letter mail addressed to Mrs. C. Hart Merriam or Miss Zenaida Merriam should be forwarded to Lagunitas also.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



July 15, 1916

Potomac Electric Power Co.
14th and C Sts.N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 16th Street, for the season, and do not expect to return before October. I have turned off the electric current at the main switch in the basement under the stone steps at the front of the house.

My office, Apartment 701 The Northumberland, also is closed today, and no current should be used until my return.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

July 15, 1916

Washington Gas Light Co.
411 10th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 16th Street, for the season, and do not expect to return before October. I have turned off the gas where it comes in from the street just before reaching the meter. No gas should be used in the house until after my return.

Respectfully,



July 15, 1916

Chief of Police
Washington
D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today I am closing my house, 1919 16th Street, for the season, and do not expect to return before October. I shall be obliged if you will kindly have your patrolmen keep an eye on the house from time to time as they pass.

Should anything occur to require attention, please notify E. W. Nelson, H. W. Henshaw, or Dr. A. K. Fisher, Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture.

My address until October will be Lagunitas, Marin Co., California.

Respectfully,

July 15, 1916

Water Department
Municipal Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have today closed my house (1913-1914) for the remainder of the summer, and have turned off the water where it enters the house. No water should be used in the house until my return the latter part of October.

Respectfully,

C. Matthews

July 27, 1916

Dear VB:

Your letter of the 12th inst. is the first news we have had of you for a long time. And we have not heard from Florence at all for several weeks. I am hoping for a letter each day.

We arrived Friday after a hot trip across, coming via Burlington, D. & R.G. and Western Pacific. Saw plenty of Jack rabbits in northern Nevada but no coyotes. So far as I remember, this is the first trip I have ever made without seeing a coyote.

Thanks for the photograph of the Wallowa country. I recognized the ridge you chased the mountain lion up.

Sorry to hear there are no grizzlies left in that region. If you should happen to get hold of a hunter or ranchman who has an old skull on hand, it would be a great thing, as we are clean stumped on the Wallowa grizzlies.

Glad to know you are going to Steen Mountain, and wish I were going with you. Hope you will do some trapping on top. And if you have time to visit the big snow bank in the big notch, take a critical look at it to see if it does not conceal a small glacier. When we were there we were not sharp on such things.

It was hot here at Lagunitas when we arrived, but only for the first day or two, since when the highest mid-day



temperature is 75° or less, and the night temperature 49-51°.

Before leaving Washington I handed Nelson the manuscript of my Review of the Grizzly and Big Brown Bears.

Your friend Donald Stevenson of Gardiner, Montana, writes me in regard to the 9 grizzly skulls he told you about, that 6 had been sent me previously by Evans, and that the other 3 were no good. Only 2 of those sent by Evans were adult, and they apear to have been killed by dynamite, which must have been exploded in the occipital region, shattering the top and back of the skulls. So we are still badly off for skulls of adult grizzly bears from the Park region, and I fear we shall not be able to get enough to settle the Park bear problems in time for the book.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Vernon Bailey
Ontario
Oregon

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Mr. E. A. Preble
U.S.Biological Survey
Washington,
D. C.

July 27, 1916

Dear Preble:

Thanks for yours of the 20th inst. Yes, I saw the six bear skulls from Kirberger on Saturday afternoon, July 15. I nearly broke my neck putting away skulls before going to the train. I think I filled all the bear skull cases except the ones in the northeast corner close to the window. You might put the Victoria Museum skulls in these if there is room. The others might be covered up on the big center case as you suggested.

Near the far door in the skull room are four cases facing the east. As you stand facing these cases, the upper one on the left contains some skulls and some skins. This should be bisulphided thoroughly several times, as the skulls doubtless are full of pests. The Merriam Collection also, unless I am mistaken, needs bisulphide. Poole will know about this. At all events, it needs looking after as some of the rabbits and some other specimens have been injured forlack of sufficient bisulphide.

Thanks for the information you sent respecting the skulls from Case and Kirberger. Fourteen additional bear skulls are on the way from Case, unless they have already arrived. I shall be glad to learn about these as soon as received. It will not be necessary for you to give me the exact locality for each skull; the information I need being the age, sex, and condition of the skulls.

We had a hot time coming across, but find it beautifully cool here, the nights 50° F. or below.

Very truly yours,



July 27, 1916

Dear Mrs. Morrison:

Please send me about 200 brown tags for labeling big skulls for the Biological Survey. These tags need not be strung. They are needed for hunters of big bears and other mammals chiefly in Alaska and British Columbia, and are similar to the tag enclosed. Please send also some small size penalty envelopes (not return) similar to the enclosed, as this is the last one I have.

We had a hot trip across, but spent a pleasant evening with Olive and Mr. Waud at their attractive home in Oak Park. They were kind enough to take us all for an automobile ride, culminating at their new home. We were delighted with their house. We were glad also to see the children, and hope Ernest's sore hand is a thing of the past.

The country here is beautiful in spite of the drought, and our ferns are still green and in remarkably fine condition. The nights are actually cold, the thermometer falling to 50° before daylight every morning. Don't forget that you are to make us a visit here, and don't put it off too long.

What is Nelson's address?

Very truly yours,

Mrs. A. B. Morrison
U.S. Biological Survey
Dept. of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

July 27, 1916

Mr. James L. Clark
1160 Southern Boulevard
Bronx, New York City

Dear Mr. Clark:

Your letter of the 17th inst. has reached me out here at my summer home. I am delighted to know that you have two more bear skulls from Mr. Litchfield, and that you feel that you are likely to obtain additional skulls of bears from hunters. I shall be only too glad to purchase all you can get hold of from known localities. For grizzly skulls I am prepared to pay $4 each for cubs, $6 to $12 each for immature skulls (3 to 5 years), $10 to $15 for adult females, and $15 to $25 for adult males. These prices are for skulls in reasonably perfect condition, labeled for locality. Badly injured skulls are worth less, as a matter of course, but all are worth enough to pay for sending. Some tags are enclosed herewith. Your name should be written on the tags of all skulls forwarded by you in order that there may be no possibility of error. The sex and date should be written when positively known, but are relatively unimportant, the locality being the main item of real value.

All skulls should be shipped by express, charges collect, addressed: U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. They will be unpacked, cleaned when necessary, and properly cared for until my return in October.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, and hoping you will be able to secure a number of skulls,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

July 27, 1916

Dear Doctor Sudworth:

Can you send me at the above address a copy of your recent publication on the Cypress and Juniper trees of the Rocky Mountains? If so I shall be greatly obliged.

Trusting that you are Mrs. Sudworth are well, and that we shall see you here at Lagunitas some of these days.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Dr. George B. Sudworth
U.S. Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

July 27, 1916

Mr. Ernest Kirberger
Kake
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Just as I was leaving Washington on July 15 six bear skulls were received from you, but as yet I have not received any letter.

For these skulls I am crediting you as follows:

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| 1 Black Bear | $3.00 |
| 1 Female Grizzly | 10.00 |
| 1 Fine male Brown Bear | 25.00 |
| 3 Young Brown Bears @ $5 | 15.00 |

A check for the total amount, $53.00, will be sent you from my fund in the Smithsonian Institution about the 1st of August.

I shall be glad to take all the skulls of Grizzly and Big Brown Bears you can obtain for me during the summer and fall, and will pay good prices for the same. Each skull should be labeled for the locality where killed, and if known the sex and approximate date. Your own name should be written on each tag, so that there may be no question as to who shipped the specimens. Skulls should be shipped by express, charges collect, addressed: U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson -



July 26, 1916

Mr. George H. Peterson
Sitka
Alaska

Dear Sir:

The three bear skulls you shipped to the Biological Survey on June 24 arrived about the 10th of July, and I was very glad to get them. I have credited you $10 each for two of these skulls, and $20 for the largest one, making $40 in all. A check for this amount will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian Institution about the first of the month.

I shall be glad to purchase all the skulls of Big Bears which you can obtain during the present summer and fall. I am anxious to get skulls from all of the islands on which bears occur, and also from the mainland. A label should be tied to each skull, giving the locality where it was killed and, if known, the sex and date also.

Skulls should be sent by express, charges collect, addressed: U. S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson -

July 26, 1916

Mr. W. H. Case
Juneau
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. reached me just as I was leaving Washington, and the skull of the male brown bear to which you refer arrived a few days later. I am crediting you with $20 for this skull, a check for which will be sent you about the first of the month.

Your letter of June 28 announcing the shipment of 14 bear skulls, reached me duly, but the skulls had not arrived when I last heard from Washington under date of July 20. As soon as they come I will be notified of the fact, and of their condition, and will credit your account accordingly.

Hoping you will be able to secure additional skulls during the summer and fall, both from the mainland and islands,

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson



July 28, 1916

Mr. Donald Stevenson
Gardiner
Montana

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th inst. about the grizzly bear skulls. I am always glad to purchase skulls of grizzlies, even when badly damaged, although such skulls of course are worth much less money than reasonably perfect ones.

Skulls of adult bears from the Yellowstone Park region are badly needed to settle some points now in doubt, and I very much hope that you will be able to obtain some during the summer and fall. As you know, I am glad to pay good prices for such skulls. Packages containing specimens should be sent by express, charges collect, addressed: U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. All shipments will be properly cared for until my return in October.

Each skull should be labeled for locality where killed, and if known, for sex and date also. The name of the person shipping the specimen should always be written on the tag.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson

July 27, 1916

Mr. Fred J. Koehl
Iliamna
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letters of June 19 and 20 have just reached me by the same mail, and I am glad to know that you have sent four more skulls of bears. They had not reached Washington a week ago, but as soon as they come I will be notified of the fact, and will see that payment is sent you.

I shall be glad to purchase all the bear skulls you can get for me, provided each one is labeled with the locality where killed. Your own name also should always be written on a tag so that there may be no mistake as to who sent the shipment.

Yes, we probably received the two skulls you mention from Mr. Duryea. They arrived the latter part of November, but were not properly labeled, and no letter from Mr. Duryea ever reached me, so that I did not know to whom to write or what his address was. As I am still ignorant of his address, I am going to have a check sent him in your care at Iliamna, and shall be obliged if you will kindly see that it is delivered to him.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam



July 27, 1916

My dear Professor Thacher:

If you knew me better you would not be so persistent in wanting to have me talk to your boys, as I am one of the poorest speakers known in North America. But I think I can let you off easily, as it is impossible for me to say whether or not I shall be in California in early June next. I was fully two months late in arriving this year, and sad experience in the past, warn me against promises for the future. I appreciate your courtesy all the same, and hope some day to drop in on you in Ojai Valley.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Prof. Sherman D. Thacher
Nordhoff
California

URSUS RICHARDSONI Swainson

Barren-ground Bear

Ursus Richardsoni Swainson, Animals in Menageries, by William Swainson, 54-56, 1838

Type locality.- Shore of Arctic Ocean, near or east of mouth of Coppermine River.

Characters.- Size medium; color variable, from yellowish to grizzly brown; claws of medium length, smooth; skull small, with broadly spreading zygomata.

Cranial characters.- Skull rather small; frontal shield narrow and broadly rising at orbits, sulcate medially, pointed very short posteriorly; temporal impressions meeting far forward, in one specimen (no. 6255) forming almost a right angle with axis of skull; rostrum small; nasals nearly horizontal; fronto-nasal region strongly dished; post-orbital processes peg-like, widely outstanding; zygomata broadly spreading posteriorly but angular (very slightly bowed); palate, postpalatal shelf, and inter-pterygoid fossa medium -- neither notably broad nor notably narrow; nares small, not very oblique; sagittal crest long and rather low; teeth of medium size.

Skull Measurements (adult type).-- Basal length 311 mm.; occipito-nasal length 286; palatal length 163; zygomatic breadth 227; interorbital breadth 72.5.

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# PIONEERS OF THE FAR WEST

## THE EARLIEST HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA, NEW MEXICO, ETC

### From Documents Never Before Published in English

### IV

This installment concludes the translation (begun in the November number) of Fray Geronimo de Zarate-Salmeron's "Relacion" of events in California and New Mexico up to 1626.

96. From Guachoya, after the death of the Adelantado Hernando de Soto, they traveled by forced marches more than 100 leagues to the west. Here they lost their way, for the guide was already dead. On the 3rd day they reached the plains of Cibola [this evidently is not meant to mean Coronado's Cibola, but merely the buffalo plains --Ed.], where they killed their hunger with the much meat of buffalo [cibolo]. The Indians of these plains have no houses except some wretched huts [chozuelas]. They plant no food-stuff. They subsist on what they kill with the arrow, on herbs and roots of trees, and other things.

97. These and the Apaches are one and the same, as has already been said above. And with this it stands proved how Florida and New Mexico is all mainland with this [Mexico] where we are; since the plains of Cibola begin at 20 leagues from the settlements of New Mexico and run toward Florida. And it happens many times in dry years that these cows [buffalo] came even to the salt lakes, which is one of the settled part of New Mexico, of the nation of the Tompiro Indians. And it is known by us, by what has been seen since in New Mexico, that in those plains of Cibola those who inhabit them are the Apache Indians, whom we call cowboy Apaches [vaqueros] because they subsist by these cows [buffalo]. Therefore these soldiers [of de Soto] were not far from New Mexico.

98. From here these soldiers returned on the back trail, with very great hardships and besetments by the Indians, who killed many soldiers. Out of more than 60 Indians brought up as servants, not one was left, and [only] 100 Spaniards and 80 horses reached the Great River [Rio Grande of course does not mean here what it does in our day. It was the Mississippi -- Ed.] and lodged themselves in Amnoya; whence they departed with intent to go to Mexico, but had to return. Here died Juan Ortiz, the interpreter,

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